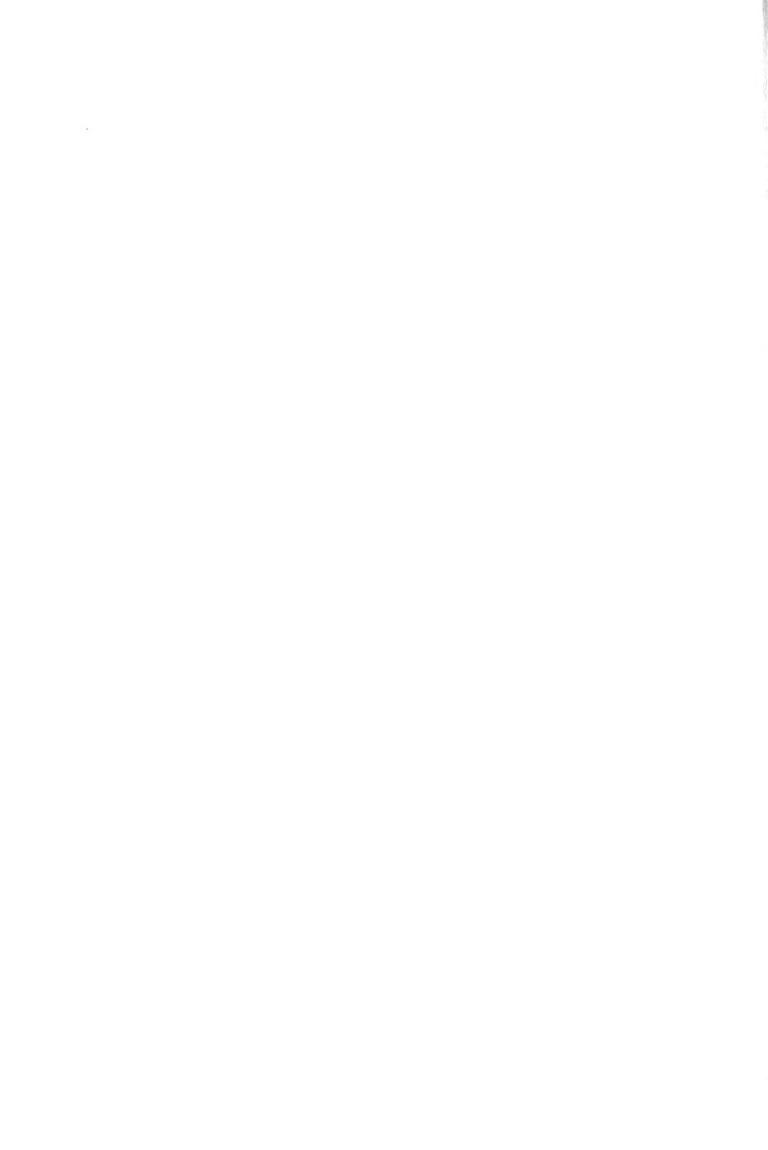
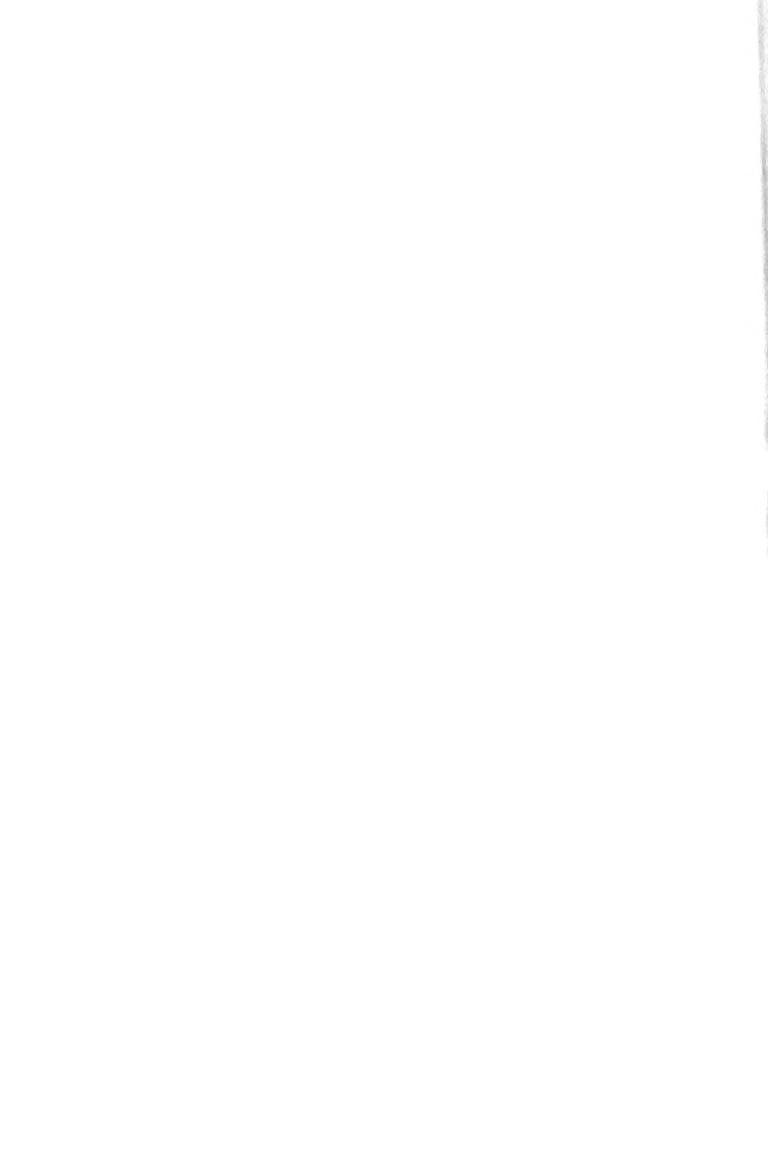
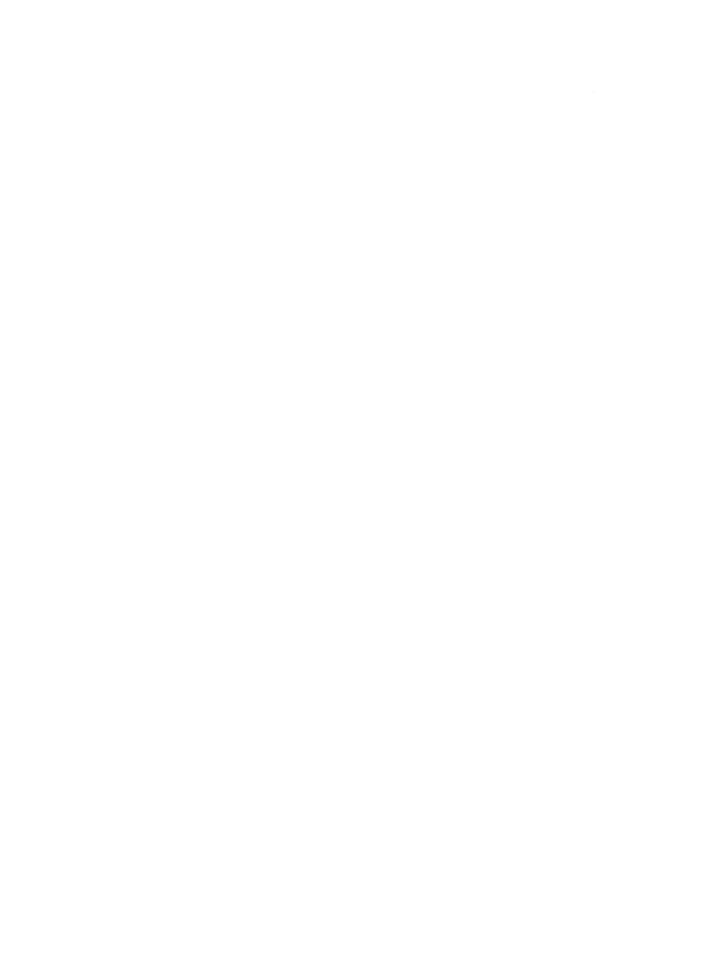




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THERE ARE two reasons why this paper is printed. The first is, that all who have the religious interests of our town at heart may be brought into closer co-operation with each other. The second is, that there may be an opportunity for an earnest and honest discussion of the problems relating to the moral and spiritual development of the town.

Each Church will have space for its own items of news. Whatever is outside of the news columns is intended to be of interest not only to all church members but to every thoughtful Wellesley citizen. Articles and letters are invited from all who desire to further the higher

life of the town.

The Pastors, in assuming the editorial responsibility of the paper, are not seeking a personal organ. Neither have they entered upon this venture as a substitute for a trip to the Klondike. It may be that such a trip will ultimately appear advisable, as they have asked no one else to be financially responsible for the paper. But at the start they are most optimistic concerning their fellow citizens, and are sanguine enough to believe that such a monthly publication as Our Town hopes to be will be not only read, but, to some extent, at least, believed.

There are so many women in Wellesley that a boy feels a little crowded to the wall. Nearly everything that goes on is planned either for the "older fellows" or for the women. To be sure, there are those who think that if a boy has all outdoors he ought to be satisfied, and they turn him out to pasture like a horse. And there are some who think that when a boy has all in-doors he needs nothing more; so they shut him in, away from his fellows and his most congenial pursuits. Neither of these methods is wise. A boy has a right to comrades and also

a claim upon the friendship of his elders. When he has something profitable and interesting to do, in company with other boys, he will not usually decline to do it. The Club recently organized in Wellesley proposes to give the boys an interest that shall be both stimulating and entertaining. And the boys have responded most heartily.

THE RELIGIOUS UNITY OF A TOWN

Why not? Unity does not demand that all men agree, but that all work together for the common welfare. It asks, not conformity, nor even organic union, but co-operation. The value of such unity is recognized and required in other important town affairs. It controls, for example, the management of our schools. The day is gone by when each one of a dozen schools in a town may go its own way. Our schools work together for the welfare of the whole town. In public matters, also, while men may be divided into parties, yet the desire of all is for the welfare of the whole town. The town is a unit and it is recognized to be the best policy that villages in a town shall co-operate, not contend. So alone can the highest welfare of the town, in its public policy, be forwarded.

But if in these matters unity is desirable, why is it not in those which concern the moral and religious life of the whole community? Nothing is of more importance to the whole town than the health and strength of its religious institutions. And here co-operation may be more wide-spread than in any other department of our common life. Here that unity, which means working together for a common advantage, is most important and most feasible, as it

would seem to be most natural.

Something of this unity does exist in the religious life of every town. Beneath

all differences of outward manifestation there is one aim and purpose. All, alike, are intent to forward the best manhood and womanhood. There is a common desire to be loyal to God and to humanity, to exalt the highest moral standard. This unity exists, even though no organization is employed to reveal it. It is declared whenever men of all religious bodies are invited to meet together to voice a common religious sentiment.

The Kingdom of God! It has citizens in every part of our town. Never mind by what name they are called, is it not evident that they can wisely emphasize the great facts that unite them, without discrediting other important matters upon which opinions differ? It could easily be shown that there is much want, and even paganism, in many of our cities and towns, which can be directly traced to neglect due to such lack of religious unity. Not to discuss how such unity can be obtained, we emphasize now the plain duty of seeking it. If the religious forces of the Commonwealth would unite in some practical co-operation, many long desired reforms could be instantly Let us begin and greatly forwarded. with our own town. Let us emphasize our fellowship in The Kingdom of God. Let us be interested in one another. So far as we can let us work together. Let us meet as opportunity offers. would we omit from this invitation any one who is a "citizen of The Kingdom of God." We would not limit it by membership in any organization. There shall be with us no distinction of Roman Catholic or Protestant, orthodox or liberal, church-member or not churchmember, male or female, black or white. Town or Gown. Whoever cares for the highest moral, ethical or religious welfare of our town we invite to this co-operation. The name of this paper stands for this broad idea; and so far as he can forward this idea, the writer of this article pledges himself, while he extends the invitation to all others. P. T. F.

TOWN AND GOWN

It is a good thing for the Town that Wellesley College is located within its borders.

Suppose we say that over again to convince ourselves that we believe it.

It is a good thing—but what need of repeating such a self-evident assertion? Does not every citizen of Wellesley believe it? No, did some one say? That is a pity, for the College is here to stay, and the country district of West Needham has become famous to the ends of the earth because this woman's institution has borne its name of Wellesley. Perhaps it is worth while to put down in black and white some of the sentiments that are expressed more or less publicly concerning the relation of Town and Ventilation has come to be regarded as a fundamental sanitary measure.

Speaking for the Town: Of course in theory a woman's college is all right. An education is a good thing for anybody. But this College doesn't seem to care about the Town very much. It uses the Town for what it can get out of it, and then drops us. None of its officers or faculty, with but two or three exceptions, make their homes in the Town. We get no taxes from its large property, even though we have been to large expense for sidewalks and lighting on account of that property. We would be willing enough to exempt from taxation the land that is used. But what of that large tract north of the railroad, or that other on Dover street? If the Town received any real benefit from the College, beyond the reputation of the name, it would gladly do the College favors. But it doesn't. The faculty know but few of the townspeople nor do they seem to care to. they nor the students enter actively into the religious or philanthropic work of the Town. There are nouniversity extension lectures or classes. Only a few of the townspeople get invited to what goes on at the College. There wouldn't be room for them in the College chapel anyway. Therefore, why should the residents of Wellesley be particularly enthusiastic over the College?

Speaking for the Gown: Because we have a beautiful situation people think we are rich and miserly. But the fact is we are ruuning into debt. We have an utterly insufficient endowment. We are giving our pupils everything under cost.

We cannot afford to pay taxes. We cannot afford even to house the president and faculty as they ought to be housed. The problem thrust upon those who are in charge is greater than outsiders think. They are set to the task of making bricks without straw. Most of the faculty are overworked. They can hardly find the time to do their regular work, and are practically compelled to give up all ontside activities. The students also are very busy, perhaps more than is entirely desirable. We wish the Town would help us out by a little more sympathy. Hasn't Wellesley College done a splendid work And isn't it a little unfor women? reasonable for the townspeople to forget all that we have done for the cause of Christian education and grumble because they can't make a few dollars out of the property we occupy! The present town of Wellesley has a money valuation greater by two million dollars than the whole town of Needham, including the present Wellesley, had before the College was founded. Who is going to say that we haven't been the cause of a good share of that increase? Besides there isn't a town in the state which has a park nearly so beautiful as the College grounds which are always open to the public.

Speaking for Our Town: We hope Town and Gown will learn to know each other better and look at the problem from each other's point of view. We would like to help in such a desirable achievement. We believe heartily in both of you and we want you to become one flesh, for together you compose our Town.

A GROWING TOWN

It gave promise of growth from the outset and before it was thought of as a suburb of Boston. In fact, when that thought began to appear it was met with a protest from the ranks of the early settler, who, while believing in the growth of the town, wanted it kept a country town. The object proposed in this was a good one. Especially as the growth intended by it pointed at things orderly on our streets and at manners and customs that are commonly incident to simple country life. It was in those times that a citizen of the town met in Boston a friend who was a farmer from

the farming districts. The friend asked, "Where is it you live?" "I live in Grantville." "O yes," came the response, "in the town of Needham; we think of it as poor soil — a desert in fact." There was nodenying the farmer friend's report of the soil, but his calling this section a desert, brought to mind Ruskin's quotations from Isaiah and used as a heading to his lecture, "Of Queen's Gardens." "Be thou glad, O thirsting Desert: let the desert be made cheerful, and bloom as the lily: and the barren places shall run wild with wood." Something like it has become a reality during these years of growth in our town. It would be hard to name anything vital to its growth that we have missed by reason of its poor quality of soil. In point of health, we are gainers by it and it does grow trees that shade and beautify our streets. It presents a surface that stretches out before you in fine scenery from its hills. It has those uplifting, softening, purifying and inspiring influences of outward nature. It has had also within itself a life into which a profound human interest has come through the endeavors of those who have been citizens here, who have had its interests at heart, who have labored for its progress. One lingers with grateful recognition over that phase of our town's history.

To denote the growth of the town in instutions, public and private, we have only to recall a time when there was no Wellesley College and no Dana Hall School and when none of these other private schools for young ladies and young men were in existence. growth of the town becomes quite apparent when regarded from a point of view which precedes the advent of these things. Look at our High School building and turn your thoughts back to a High School struggling into existance but with no building anywhere in which to hold its sessions. A lady who has recently come to our town to live was heard to remark that everything desirable in a home seemed to surround one here. However this may be, the growth of the town is an assured fact of the past and present, and its further and continuous growth is something one may safely pre-A. B. V. diet.

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Wellesley Boys' Club

A club for boys between fourteen and twenty years of age has been organized in Wellesley. It meets every Thursday evening in the dining hall of the Congregational Church. The officers elected are: Congregational Church. The officers elected are: President, William Stanwood; Vice-President, Fred Stanwood; Secretary, W. S. Hall; Treasurer, Alfred Swenson; Managing Committee, the President, the Vice-President, Rev. W. E. Hayes, Rev. E. H. Chandler, Bertram Sanstedt, John Rothery, Henry Porter. About thirty members have been enrolled.

At the first meeting the Club was entertained by a graphophone, exhibited by Bertram Goldthwaite. A week later Mr. I. H. Farnham showed a large number of most interesting lantern slides. On Dec. 30, the Club enjoyed a social evening, and the following week

was addressed by Mr. G. A. Ross.

The programs for the future will follow, for the most part, a uniform outline. On the first Thursday of each month there will be a talk by some outsider. The second Thursday will be devoted to the discussion of current events. The fourth Thursday will be given up to a debate and on the third Thursday it is hoped that there will be a talk given by some member of the College. Fifth Thursdays are to be used for miscellaneous entertainments. The room will be open from 7 to 9.30. The Club is to be furnished with periodicals and games.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Good Example

To the Editor of Our Town:-

I enclose fifty cents. Please apply twentyfive cents to my subscription, and let the remaining twenty-five cents pay for Our Town to some one who cannot, or will not, subscribe. Let it be the man or woman who thinks this a foolish movement. I am confident that you will win a friend instead of an opponent before the year is out. A. B. C.

Likes Our Town

To the Editor of O ir Town:—

Hike the name you have selected for the new venture in journalism. It is decidedly "local" and that's what is wanted. At the same time it suggests thoughts as broad as from the Natick line to Lower Falls and from Weston to Needham and Dover. Moreover, one may dig as deep as he desires in this field, or go as high as the very heavens. By the way, rub that thought into your readers, that all Wellesleyites, irrespective of the size of their pocket books, own as high as they can reach, and they can reach as high as they desire.

Wellesley Congregational Church

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REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

DEACONS

Benj. H. Sanborn, William R. Hanks, Gideon D. Richardson, Charles E. Shattuck.

Weekly Calendar SUNDAY

Morning Worship. 10.30

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class. 11.55

Junior C. E. Society. Senior C. E. Society. 3.30

6.15

Evening Worship. 7.15

TUESDAY

Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

Sittings in the Church can be secured from Mr. W. R. Hanks at the close of any morning service. The Pastor can be found at home daily from 1.30 to 2.30, and usually on Thursday evenings.

Prof. Katherine Lee Bates of Wellesley College will speak at the Woman's Union Meeting, Jan. 25, at 3, on the subject of "Reading for the Home."

Five members have died during 1897, and thirtcen were dismissed by letter to other churches. Twelve were added by letter from other churches.

On January 1st, the Church reported 278 members, 86 men and 192 women. Of these 70 were living outside of the bounds of the Parish. Since that date Mrs. H. A. Joslin, Edward Benner and William S. Wilder have been received into the church fellowship.

The Christian Endeavor Society has elected as officers for the next six months: President, Miss Gertrude A. Pomeroy; Vice-President, Mrs. Katharine E. Hagar; Recording Secretary, Miss Grace Farnham; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. G. C. Fuller; Treasurer, Miss C. Evelyn Robbins; Superintendent of Junior Society, Mrs. E. H. Chandler; Assistant, Mrs. Katharine E. Hagar; Chairmen of Committees: Mr. Robert E. Anderson, Prayer Meeting; Miss Mary T. Wiswall, Lookout; Miss Florence H. Weston, Sunday School; Miss Fannie C. Guild, Missionary; Miss Helen M. Withington, Social; Mr. Edward S. Fletcher, Music; Miss Ethel M. Fuller, Good Literature; Miss Mabel A. Dadmun, Finance.

The Talks on "The History of the Bible," given by the Pastor, have covered these topics:

I. The Hebrew Manuscripts and Textual Criticism.

II. The Story of the Manuscripts.

The Massorah and the Versions.

Examples of Textual Criticism in the Revised IV. Old Testament.

V. The Language and Manuscripts of the New Testament.

The Formation of the O. T. Canon.

VII. The Formation of the N. T. Canon.

VIII. The Great English Versions.

The topics and dates of the two remaining talks will be as follows:

IX. The Apocrypha.
X. The Polychrome Bible.

Jan. 26.

Following this course will be another upon the books of the English Bible, studied with reference both to their character as literature and their spiritual value. The class is open to all who wish to attend it.

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Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

3.00 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

Communion Services on the first Sundays of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at morning service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING: In addition to the officers named above, those elected or whose term of office has not expired, are as follows: Treasurer, L. V. N. Peck; Collector, Geo. D. Ware; Clerk of Church, and Sup't. of S. S., T. W. Travis; Prudential Committee, Joseph W. Peabody, C. C. Thomas, Andrew Lees; Deaconesses, Mrs. C. M. Corey, Mrs. Margaret Oldham, Mrs. S. F. Leach, Mrs. D. E Adams.

Report of Clerk: Present membership, 123, a net gain, for the year, of four. Membership of Sunday School, 138, a gain of 36, or, counting the Home Dep't, a gain of 51. (NOTE: The actual number of church-members in our parish is over 170. We cordially invite all who can do so to join us by letter.)

Y. P. S. C. E. ANNUAL MEETING: The officers of last year were reappointed as far as possible. The Pastoris President, Mr. C. C. Thomas, Vice-President; Miss Isabella Fiske, Treas., and Miss Ethel Putney, Secretary. The following amendments to the constitution were presented, "The annual meeting, for the election of officers, shall be held during the month of October." And "Each article concerning committees shall be amended so as to leave the number of its members optional." The Society has raised during the year \$100.50 which it has added to its New Church fund. Also it has collected at its services, \$94.25, of which it has sent \$63.03 to Home Missions and \$10 elsewhere. It has contributed \$15 toward the new Hymn books in the Chapel and \$4 to S. S. Christmas expenses.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS FOR JANUARY: 4th at Mrs. Peabody's, Topic, "Teaching Children Obedience." 11th, with Mrs. Morrill, Topic: "Foreign Missions." 18th, with Mrs. Oldham, sewing circle. 25th, with Mrs. Oldham, Topic, "The Problem of Self-control."

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES: Jan. 16, A Question Box. Mr. Joseph W. Peabody conducts the meeting. Send or hand questions to him at any time. The sooner the better. Jan. 23, The Practical Application of The Beatitudes. A splendid topic. Jan. 30, A Praise Service: Theme, For Christ and His Church.

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> Religious Services SUNDAY

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Woman's Alliance, every other Tuesday.

The Junior Branch Alliance Meetings, in the Church Parlor, every Saturday morning, from nine to

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

Rev. F. B. Hornbrooke of Newton will preach at the Unitarian Church on Sunday evening, Jan. 16. This meeting is one of a series under the auspices of the Branch Alliance. Services commence at 7.30.

There exists in the Unitarian body today an organization known as the "National Alliance of Unitarian and other Liberal Christian Women." The object of the Alliance is "To quicken the religious life of our Unitarian Churches, and to bring the women into closer acquaintance, co-operation, and fellowship." The practical work of the body is charity work at home and abroad, helping of weak societies, needy students, etc. It conducts a Post Office Mission, Cheerful Letter Exchange and Study Classes. A Branch Alliance is connected with the Unitarian Church at Wellesley Hills — now in its second year of work. Lectures and study fill up a portion of the time of its fortnightly meetings, a social time following. The President of the Society is Mrs. Calvin W. Smith; Vice President, Mrs. Anna B. Park; Secretary, Mrs. George A. Purdie; Treasurer, Mrs. Annie E. Spencer. The Post Office Mission Work is under the management of Mrs. John Edmunds. A very efficient Committee on Hospitality has for its Chairman, Mrs.George W. Dudley.

The Junior Branch Alliance was organized in the fall of 1895. Its officers are a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary: the older children filling the last named offices. Its purpose is to develop a helpful spirit in our children and put them in touch with home interests, as well as the broader interests of Humanity. There are two special centers around which they work; the first is the Maybasket sale and entertainment, which occurs the last week in April, and from which nearly fifty dollars were realized last year. From this fund, five dollars were given to the Floating Hospital; five to the Institute for the Blind; five went towards buying a comfortable chair for a cripple; and fifteen toward a carpet for the church. There is still a small overplus in the bank. The other center is our Church Sale. Two tables were furnished with articles made or contributed by the children; from the sale of these small things more than twenty dollars were added to the general fund. Between these busy seasons, they have found time to make six wrappers for the babies of the Floating Hospital, and quite a number of picture scrap books. The children are interested and happy and especially glad to work for the tiny unfortunates whose condition always arouses sympathy.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

New Year's night a delightful parish reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lauderburn. About forty were present.

The opening of the new year finds the youngest church in the town steadily pushing forward. Although the growth in membership has been retarded by several removals from town, the communicant list shows a slight increase. The finances of the church are on a solid basis. The substantial Easter offering of last year relinquished the debt on the chapel. The next movement on foot will be the building of a rectory on the adjoining land.

One of the pleasant features of the Christmas tree celebration on Christmas Eve was the presentation of a purse from the Girls' Friendly Society to its Chaplain. Each member had placed her contribution in a small red bag, and all the bags were placed in a large one. A letter accompanied the gift expressing, in a simple, touching way, the feelings which prompted it. It is needless to say that the Chaplain was more than gratified to receive so genuine a token of esteem. The faithful branch Secretary was also remembered with a handsome gift.

The children of the Sunday school have been accustomed for two or three years past to visit, in a body, the Convalescents' Home of the Children's Hospital, and sing their Easter and Christmas carols. This year the board of managers sent a special invitation and provided a barge to convey them back and forth. The tree was held on New Year's Day, and there were gifts for all the little patients. The atmosphere of the Home is so wholesome that no child can ever be cared for there without being the better for it. There is no more beautiful charity in the world.

The St. Andrew's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was established in the parish about a year ago. It started with two members and now has eighteen, with six or seven others that will soon be admitted. The members are nearly all wage-earners. Different programs are arranged for each week. One week there is music; another, games; a third is given to sewing or fancy work, while one of the associates reads aloud; the fourth is devoted to the study of current topics of the day. Occasionally this plan is varied by the introduction of an entertainment arranged by the girls. Once a year delegates meet in Trinity Church, Boston, for an annual service in which all the branches of the diocese take part. There is a large membership of the Society in this country, also in England where the Society was originated. Everywhere it is doing a noble work for girls and women who have to earn their own living.

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Pause passer, and thy thoughts a moment bend
To contemplation of this dreamy scene:
The gateless portal here, the leafy screen
Beyond, the avenue that finds an end
In seeming, where the arching branches lend
An invitation to this fair demesne,
This project Paradica, whose pages garene

This unlost Paradise, whose peace serene Means heaven's o'erflow and man his Maker's friend,

Vet stay thy foot! Wisdom and Prudence stand
The unseen guardians of an unseen gate,
With smile of welcome and extended hand
For all truth-seekers, come they soon or late;
But for vain triflers warning and command,
As they whose girdles wear the keys of fate.
EDWARD N. POMEROY.

THE "EDUCATION" MEETING

THE Wellesley Club added another to its long list of helpful works for the town in arranging for the recent public meeting in the interest of the schools. The members of the School Committee and the Superinten lent of Schools were principal speakers. Mr. Stevens touched briefly on the establishment of the State Board of Education and the evolution of the present from the district school system. He showed that Wellesley's appropriation for school purposes, estimated on the rate per thousand dollars of taxable property, is among the very lowest in the State, being only about \$2.65 per \$1,000. In some towns it runs np to \$5 or \$6. He advocated generous appropriations, urging that in no way could the town more profitably expend liberal amounts.

Mr. Bradford treated the general methods of teaching. In speaking of the teaching of history, he showed how, in the past, the idea has seemed to be to find the essentials in details of military cam-

paigns, in matters relating to our town, our state, and our nation. The present aim is to show the broad, general trend of historical epochs and events, the interrelation and inter-dependence of each country with all, and of all with each. He had a strong word to say against the policy of introducing the study of Latin into the Grammar schools.

Mr. Richardson presented the ethical aspect of school influences. He cited instances to show how the virtues of honesty, courage, faithfulness and courtesy were developed by the work of the teacher and by the influence of the pupils on each other. He urged a fuller appreciation, both on the part of parents and of teachers, of the necessity of co-operating to make the fullest use of the great possibilities in these directions.

Mr. Perrin, the superintendent, confined his remarks to the details of school work. H. gave a list of the teachers and buildings, dwelt on the skillful use of a minimum of text-books, by which they were transferred from one building to another, thus giving scope and variety to the presentations of various subjects, especially history and mathematics. He indicated some of the progressive steps recently taken to put our schools in the front rank among those of the State,—the introduction of vertical writing, of the Pollard system of teaching reading, of natural sciences in the lower schools, of chemistry in the High school. He alluded to the tendency towards extremes, towards "fads", on the part of "professional" educators, and emphasized the need of sound sense in the control of matters of such vital import as are educational systems.

Meatings of this character are of great educational value to the public, and it seemed to be the unanimous desire that others of a similar kind should follow in the near future.

W. A. RODMAN.

THE WAGE-EARNERS' CHURCH

[N theory, every church welcomes the wage-earner. No matter whether the seats are free or assigned, some provision is made for people of small means who work hard to earn a living. The thought of making invidious distinctions is present only in the minds of a few. No church society as such deliberately shuts out the working-man or the working-wo-

And yet the fact remains that in many churches the wage-earner does not feel at home. Sometimes it is his fault, sometimes it is the fault of the church. If a man attends church with his mind made up beforehand that people will look askance at him and consider him an intruder, he must expect to feel out of place. He puts himself in that position. If, however, he goes to church because it is God's house, and as a child of God he has a right there, if he goes to worship and not to notice how people treat him. it will be an exception if the church does not give all that he seeks from it.

But, since the wage earner is naturally a gregarious being, like the rest of his race, he asks something more from the church than the mere privilege of wor-He asks for social recognition. ship. He wants to feel that he knows the other When this knowledge is worshipers. absent, or even denied, he is like one who is lost in a crowd. The sense of strangeness, it is true, may wear off. He may get into the habit of attending a certain church, because it attracts him, but his attachment can never be very strong. Should the attraction cease, he transfers his allegiance to another church with scarcely a pang of regret, or ceases churchgoing altogether. It is for this reason that so large a portion of church-goers in large cities are ecclesiastical tramps. They have no fixed religious abiding place. They go wherever they can get the most for nothing.

In many cases then, as has been said, the reason that the church does not appeal to the wage-earner lies on the side of the church. The church ought to be more social. Every effort should be made to get people acquainted with one another.

so that they can become attached to the church, because, to some extent, they know their fellow members and are on friendly terms with them. How shall

this be brought about?

One way is by appointing a hospitality committee, whose duty it shall be to speak to strangers before or after service, and, as far as possible, introduce them to regular members. This is often a difficult matter, partly because in the effort to look after one man another gets away, partly because it savors too much of the trap. A sensitive person, who shrinks from formal introductions which require him to say something when he has nothing to say, will escape every hospitality committee, no matter how vigilant it may be.

There is another method. It must be mentioned briefly, as it opens up a large subject. The church is not only a gathering place for worship, it is a gathering place for charitable work and for fellowship. The worship is the chief object; once the only object. Today something more is found to be necessary, if the church is to make headway among men. The institutional church, with its multitude of activities during the week, reaching out into the daily life of the people. banding the strong together to support the weak, is setting the example. As Mr. Stead has said, "the church should be the union of all who love in the service of all who suffer.

Wherever, then, there are wage-earners in any community, let them meet together in a social way. And when I say wageearners, I mean all who are dependent upon what they earn to support themselves, whether their wages shall be one dollar or ten dollars a day. Let the people of leisure, also, if there are any such. meet with them, not in a patronizing way, but in the spirit of Christian brotherhood. Let the meetings be conducted on practical lines, always consulting the wishes of those who attend them, but at the same time rejecting anything that is coarse or frivolous. The projectors of such meetings as this almost unanimously testify to their success.

The wage-earner who comes at first merely for amusement will find himself gaining incentives for better living.

friendly association with earnest-minded Christians will lead him also into the Christian profession. Thus, what the church is unable to do for wage-earners by means of her services alone, she is able to do through the social club. When so many working-men stand in hostile array against the church, the church must meet them halfway. It must carry out the spirit of the Master, who said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."

W. E. H.

ONE DAY OF REST

THE readers of Our Town are probably all of the opinion that it is good for men to have a periodic day of rest, and that the proportion of one day in seven is demanded by nature. There is no need of presenting here the argument

on this point.

But do we realize that there are in our Commonwealth thousands of men engaged in arduous labors who have no day of rest, a large proportion being unable to obtain it. And these men are engaged in public services of such a nature that other lives as well as their own are brought in question. We refer to the men who are employed on the electric cars and the railroads of the State. It is an interesting fact that when the street car companies used horses instead of electricity, they gave their horses one day of rest each week, but not their drivers and conductors. It was easier to replace worn-out men than worn-out horses. Today there are employed on the street railroads of the State over ten thousand men, and these men work, as a rule, seven days in the week. On the steam railroads there is an even larger number of men so engaged. It is a conservative statement that over 20,000 men in our State are occupied in continuous labor, to their own great harm and to the peril of the public. Motor-men, engineers and conductors subjected to such physical strain not only endanger their own lives, but are a menace to public safety. Now there is a growing desire to remedy this evil, and the effort which men are making is in line with that idea of co-operation which has been set forth in Our Town. In the first place, a small

group, the "Labor Committee" of a religious body, have had this particular problem brought vividly before them by events in their own experience. They succeeded in arousing a larger interest in the body to which they belong, then they invited co-operation of eight other religious bodies, asking particularly for an opportunity to relate to them the facts in the case. Their advances have met with hearty response in almost every It is especially pleasant to record that no response has been more cordial than that of the Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Church in Massachusetts who will himself be a member of the general committee.

But the co-operation is wider even than this, and it is hoped that this movement may do something toward demonstrating and forwarding that spirit of brother-hood, without which our civilization is a failure. While the committee mentioned was in session recently, there came word that it might reasonably expect the co-operation of organized labor, for, at the last annual meeting of the American Federation of Labor, the following resolutions were unanimously

adopted:

"RESOLVED: That the American Federation of Labor, in the name of organized and unorganized labor, protests against the inhuman practice of compelling men to work seven days in succession. We protest and affirm that one day's rest in seven is an absolute necessity of human life, a natural law that cannot be broken with safety; that those who, by low wages and by fear of discharge, compel the violation of this natural law, are guilty before God and the people of a crime against the physical, mental and moral welfare of the human race. And, be it further

RESOLVED: That we call on all Trades Unions and Unionists to agitate for and co-operate with any and all associations to secure legislative enactment providing for one day's rest in seven. We protest against long hours, overtime and Sunday work, and demand that all who work shall have one full day of

rest in every seven."

This demand for a day of rest we must admit is righteous. Shall we not take whatever opportunity may come to us to unite with those who are working toward this desirable end? The immediate effort of those most interested is to obtain an authentic statement from the State officials of the number thus engaged in seven-day labor, and the occupations in which they are employed. Let all help in urging the request for this investigation.

P. T. F.

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Another Club

Of the making of clubs there is no end. And yet there may be a place for a new one. Such a club has been formed in Wellesley Hills. It is intended to furnish social privileges for women who, on account of their daily duties, cannot availthemselves of "The Woman's Club." This new, and, as yet, unnamed club held its first meeting on the evening of Jan. 13, and enjoyed a talk by Miss Fachelder about a journey on the Mediterranean. A large number of fine photographs were used to illustrate the talk and a social hour followed. Eighteen persons were present. A second meeting was held on the 26th, with Mis. hour followed. Overholser, when the program was presented by the members themselves. The names of officers cannot yet be announced. Those who desire information may consult Mrs. Parris T. Farwell or Mrs. E. M. Overholser.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS

Alaska!

A union meeting will be held in the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church on Sunday Evening, February 20, Mr. John J. Smith, who accompanied Dr. Sheldon Jackson, the U.S. Agent of Education in Alaska, on one of his annual tours of inspection, will tell about that country. The lecture will be illustrated by a stereopticon, rare and valuable pictures being at the disposal of the speaker, showing parts of the country not usually visited by tennists. A collection will be taken to pay the expenses of the stereopticon.

A Children's Entertainment

The boys and girls of the Wellesley Congregational Church invite their friends and fellow-citizens to an entertainment to be given in their Chapel on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9, at seven o'clock. The price of admission is only ten cents, at d the hour is purposely early so that all the children can be accommodated. There are to be songs with illustrative tableaux, recitations, instrumental music, and, at the close, cake and chocolate for sale. Come and encourage the children.

NOTE.—The Editors will be glad to announce, under this head, coming intertail ments to which the public is invited, provided the notices are sent to the office by the 25th of each month.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798. Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891. REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

> Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FR1DAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

Sittings in the Church can be secured from Mr. W. R. Hanks at the close of any morning service. The Pastor can be found at home daily from 1.30 to 2.30, and usually on Thursday evenings.

CHURCH BENEVOLENCES. The benevolent offerings of the Church for 1898 have been arranged as follows: Jan. 30, Am. Bible Society; Feb. 27, Cong. Church Building Society; May 29, Am. Missionary Association; June 12, Cong. S. S. and Pub. Society; Sept. 25, National Ministerial Relief fund: Oct. 30, A. B. C. F. M.; Nov. 27. Cong. Education Society.

WOMAN'S UNION MEETINGS. The meetings for February will be as follows: Feb. 1, Home Missionary Department; Feb. 8, I ocal Church Department; Feb. 15, Foreign Missionary Department, Thankoffering Meeting; Feb. 22. Department of the Heme. Talk by Dr. Weston. These meetings are all held in the Ladies' Parlor at three o'clock, and are open to all.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. Over seventy of the members of the Church, an exceptionally large number, were present at the annual business meeting held on Monday evening, January 24. The report of the Treasurer that the Church had closed the year 1897 entirely free of indebtedness in its current expenses and that less than \$600 remained to be raised of the amount expended on the Church extension, brought an unaccustomed pleasure to the meeting. Appropriations for 1898 were made to the amount of \$3765.

CHURCH REUNION. One hundred and nineteen members of the Church were present at the Annual Supper on Wednesday. Jan. 26. One hundred and forty sat down to the tables. After the supper the Clerk called the roll. Then followed eight toasts, the Paster acting as toastmester. Our Past. Rev. G. G. Phipps, pastor from 1868 to 1878; Our Town, Mr. E. H. Walcott; Keeping School. Miss Julia Eastman; Our Guests, Mr. I. H. Farnham; Woman's work in the Church, Mrs. G. Gould: The Young People's Opportunity, Mr. C. E. Fuller; Wellesley College, Dr. Charlotte F. Roberts; Our Future, Mr. B. H. Sanl civ.

CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 1898. Officers for the current year have been elected as follows: Mcderator, Penj. H. Sanborn; Clerk, Wm. H. Flood, Jr.: Treasmer, George T. Hall; Auditor. H. Walter Hagar; Deacor for four years, George Gould: Executive Committee. Albert Jennings, Miss Julia Fastman, Wm. R. Hanks, Newell H. Dadmun, Francis T. Gilman; Music Con mittee, Mrs. W. R. Hanks, Miss Sarah Eastman, Miss Ethel Hubbard, Charles H. Palmer, Robert E. Anderson; Pastor's Aid Committee. Mrs. C. E. Shattuck, Mrs. M. L. Hubbard, Mrs. G. A. Ross, Miss Jessie Peabody, Mrs. E. Fletcher; Committee on Missionary Meetings, Miss Fannie C. Guild, Mrs. G. A. Ross, Mrs. Wm. Blood, Jr.

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10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.00 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

Communion Services on the first Sundays of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at morning service.

OYSTER SUPPER. To be given by the Ladies' Society for the New Church Fund, Mar. 2.

COTTAGE MEETINGS. It is intended to hold one of these meetings each week. Their purpose is mainly for conference upon the simple principles of Christian discipleship.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Feb. 6, Topic, "The Christian's Confidence." Feb. 13, in charge of the Current Events Committee. 20, in charge of the Missionary Committee. Feb. 27, Topic, "Companionship with Christ."

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. Conducted by the Pastor, Sunday afternoons at 4. All men welcome. Lessons in Mark. Feb. 6, Chap. 12:1-12. The wicked husbandmen. Who are they? Feb.13, Chap. 12:13-27. Christ and his critics. Feb. 20, Chap. 12:28-44. The greatest commandment. Feb. 27, Chap. 13:1-20. National calamities forefold.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE. Those who wish to unite with the church on confession of faith at the March Communion are invited to meet the Church Committee at the close of the evening service on Friday, Feb. 18. Those who wish to bring letters are requested to hand them to the pastor on or before that date, if possible.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Blakeslee Lessons on "The Heroes of The Old Testament" were adopted on the first Sunday of January. The change has thus far proven very acceptable. One teacher says that he "believes it to be the best step forward the school has ever taken." There has been marked improvement in attendance during the month.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. The Society has just printed its revised Constitution. It is hoped that every one of the young people of the congregation will seek enrolment. As many as can do so cordially are invited also to sign the Voluntary Pledge of Service. An exceedingly interesting program is in preparation for a conference of the societies in our Union, to be held at Cochituate, on Feb. 22.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Feb. 1, address by Miss Louise A. Kellogg from the Women's Home Missionary Union in Boston. Feb. 8, a Conference meeting. Topic: What motives should be presented to children to influence conduct? Feb. 15, Sewing meeting and afternoon tea. Feb. 22, Conference. Topic: "The problem of self-control." All the meetings will be held with Mrs. William H. Vaughn.

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Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

The Junior Branch Alliance Meetings, in the Church Parlor, every Saturday morning, from nine to ten.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE connected with our church called the friends together to a New England supper, in the church parlor, on Thursday evening. The attendance was large, and the effort of the committee to make the occasion enjoyable was entirely successful.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The work of the Sunday School is progressing favorably, and the interest is steadily increasing under its faithful officers and teachers. The attendance is good, and the children are responding with a good degree of earnestness to the endeavor made to instruct and interest them. The lessons consist of a course of Christian history, adapted to learners of all ages.

SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS. On Sunday evening, January 16th, the Rev. F. B. Hornbrooke, of Newton, preached a very interesting sermon in the Unitarian church. His subject was the "Duty of Church Attendance." Mr. Hornbrooke speaks with the force which comes from the simplest English, and every sentence carries weight. He was listened to with deep attention. This is the second of a series of evening services under the auspices of the Woman's Alliance. February 13, the Rev. Mr. Secrist, of Roxbury, on "The Bible; Its Relation to Humanity." To be followed later by the Rev. George Batchelor, Rev. Thomas Van Ness and others.

WELLESLEY HILLS WOMAN'S ALLIANCE. The Branch Alliance of the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society held two regular meetings in January in the church parlor. On Tuesday, the 11th, Mrs. Anna B. Park of Wellesley, the Vice-President, gave a paper on the "Unitarian Mission in Japan," which was most instructive and interesting, treating the subject in all its details. Tuesday, Jan. 25, was an open meeting to which outside friends were invited, not only from other Alliances, but from our own town. The President, Mrs. Mary L. Smith, welcomed those present, and, after the usual notices were given, read a most delightful paper on "Old Salem," touching upon its natural beauties, old houses, quaint customs, and the days of witchcraft. At the close of her paper, she read some extracts from a charming book "A Half Century in Salem". On both of these occasions, as is the regular custom, cake and tea were served, which does much to engender a social feeling among the members. A series of evening services, under the auspices of the Alliance, began in December, with Mr. Daniel, of South Natick, in the pulpit, followed on Jan. 16 with Mr. F. B. Hornbrooke, and Jan. 30, Mr. Vorse, Pastor of the society. These meetings on Sunday evenings are at 7.30, and dates will be announced in the Wellesley Review.

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THURSDAY

2.30 Woman's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

2.00 Ministering Children's League.

7.45 Girls' Friendly Society.

Seats free. All welcome.

OFFICERS FOR 1898. At the annual meeting of the parish, held January tenth, the following officers were elected for the ensaing year: Senior Warden, Frederick Lauderburn; Junior Warden, George H. Lowe; Clerk, H. W. F. Young; Treasurer, R. K. Sawyer; Vestrymen, T. T. Watt, Dr. E. E. Bancroft, W. C. Safford.

MISSIONARY MEETING. The weekly meeting of the missionary department of St. Andrew's Guild will hereafter be held on Thursdays, at 2.30, at different houses. An effort will be made to give these meetings a social character in the hope of increasing the attendance. All the women of the church are cordially invited. The February meetings will be held with the ladies named, as follows: Thursday, 3, Mrs. W. F. Smith; 10, Miss H. F. Hayes; 17, Mrs. R. K. Sawver; 24, Mrs Frederick Lauderburn. The department is working at present for the Episcopal City Mission, Poston.

ETIPHANY AND LENT. Last Sunday closed the Epiphany season. Ppiphany is closely associated with Christmas. The munifestation to the Gentiles means that the whole world is called to salvation. Christ was born to be the revelation of a universal Father. To emphasize this fact, every year the church is trimmed with greens, which are kept till the close of the Epiphany season. We always regret taking them down. Their removal, however, is a reminder that we are approaching the solemn season of Lent. Septuagesima is its herald, seventy days (in round numbers) before Easter. From the truth of the Incarnation we pass to the more serious consideration of our own personal responsibility, as sharers in the extension of our Lord's redemption work. Lent bids us ask how close we are living up to our profession.

REMINISCENCES OF PHILLIPS BROOKS. On Saturday, Jan. 15, an open meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society was held in the chapel, at which Mrs. Henry Whitman of Boston gave her personal reminiscences of Phillips Brooks. Mrs. Whitman has been in charge of the Woman's Bible Class of Trinity Church for over twenty-five years. She was thus brought into close relations with Bishop Brooks, and fearned to know him intimately. She spoke of his great virtility, his love of life, his large-hearted interest in all kinds of people, to each of whom he seemed a special friend. She dwelt upon his simplicity and modesty, his spiritual insight; and closed by referring to the wonderful unity that was brought about by his death. Few men have been so widely mourned.

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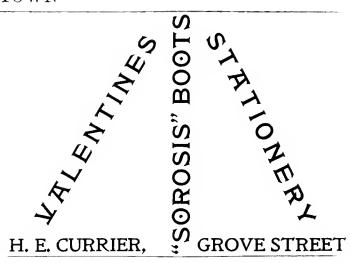
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TT is a part of the editorial plan to give each number of Our Town a definite theme, as far as possible, and to group together articles which bear directly upon this theme. The present issue is in a sense a school num-Three of the needs of our Wellesley school system are indicated in the leading articles. We could easily fill the same space with admiration of the excellencies of the town schools. But such helpful suggestions as our contributors make in the articles which follow, we believe will be more helpful in the end.

THE Editors of Our Town hereby express their appreciation of the many kindly things which have been said of their idea and of the form in which it has been embodied. They have been confident that such a paper would find a place, and that they have not misjudged the opportunity is evidenced by the goodly number of subscribers which have already been enrolled. Now they venture to hope that it will not be long before every family in Wellesley is represented on the subscription list.

For the typographical appearance of the sheet much credit is due to the publisher, who has succeeded admirably in producing an attractive publication. Mr. I. B. Hazelton, of Wellesley Hills, very kindly designed

the ornamental title.

Already the list of contributors is long enough to make the editorial bosom swell with pride; and there are others, whose contributions will be gladly read in the future.

In this number is begun a column of Wellesley College notes, which will in future be prepared by Miss Edith A. Sawyer. Another column has been set apart for St. Mary's Episcopal church at Newton Lower Falls, a large portion of its parish being within Wellesley limits.

Whether a twelve-page paper can be furnished for twenty-five cents a year and pay its bills remains to be proven. It depends on the number of people who will pay the

twenty-five cents and the number of advertisements secured. If you, gentle reader, are avoiding the cost of a subscription by looking over your neighbor's or your parent's shoulder, let not another sun go down before you have discharged your duty as a good citizen.

SLOYD IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MONG the many subjects clamoring for a place in the curriculum of our public schools, Sloyd takes a prominent place; and there is hardly any innovation that would appeal, and should appeal so strongly to all classes. It affords, besides a certain amount of mental discipline, the best training of the organs of sense, and teaches the child to control his muscles.

The aim of our ideal education is to acquire perfect self-control and such knowledge as will enable one to make use of this power of self-control to the greatest advantage. self-control we mean that all the elements of action and thought with which a human being is endowed shall be rendered ready and obedient servants to the wish and command of the possessor; that the intellect and body shall, without friction or waste, act as a perfest mechanism and turn out such work as the operator will have done. And useful knowledge cannot be better defined than that which enables this operator to make the best use of this mechanism for the greatest good of himself and his fellow-men.

Moral training is the fostering of the impulse on the part of the operator to be satis field with nothing less than the best work that can possibly be turned out. Such operatives would be ideal citizens.

American life today demands a versatility of brain and of body which no other civilization has ever exacted. One must be able to turn his hand to whatever condition presents itself, from championing a cause at townmeeting and caucus to tightening the handle of a bicycle. But can all this be accomplished by the schools, which have the child only about five of his waking hours per day?

That Sloyd belongs in an ideal education, not merely in making of the child a breadwinner, but in developing evenly his whole nature, no one can doubt who has at all studied its work; but there is nothing that we can throw out of these five short hours without leaving an equally deplorable gap. We are simply forced to choose from all the desirable lines of training the ones which can be least efficiently accomplished at home. It is not a mistake to urge the usefulness of Sloyd work, nor even to aim at its public adoption for all the town's children. The only mistake is in trying to crowd it into our present school system, or to put it in the place of anything we are now working at in the Wellesley schools.

Two false notions obtain concerning schools and what is generally understood under the term "education." The public school, in the first place, is not a day-nursery where parents that cannot, or will not, look after their children at home may pay for their being taken care of and trained by settling their tax-bills annually. Nor is the public school a monopoly in the way of education. When we realize that outside of the ten or more hours of sleep there are also eight or nine more outside of the school-room, during which the child is under the direct influence of his surroundings, we must grant that the school can be only one factor in the ideal education suggested above. It is certainly only fair that the parents, instead of letting the children run wild and play all the time out of school, should assume more of their original and natural responsibility, and assist more definitely in the development of the model youth, whom both they and we wish to send forth, when he shall start for himself in life.

Let the child be placed another half-hour or hour under the regime of education; let him be trained in Sloyd, either at home or by private teachers, if the parents will support it, or at school in certain grades, if the tax-payers will grant it, and I can conceive of no more desirable move at present. There will be time enough left for wholesome games and rouping; but instead of wasting their energies in aimless play, or in making themselves a source of annoyance at home and in the streets, the children can turn some of this activity into fruitful effort, conducive to their own best development.

What could be more delightful and healthful after the intellectual strain of the school-room than to meet the laws of nature face to face, and to practice making one's muscles conform to the working of these laws. Few children, if any, would object to this as a lengthening of the hours of confinement, for the mental and physical attitude to such work is a recreation in itself. The skill, precision

and attention required could not but react favorably, too, upon the whole personality of the child, and thus upon the regular work done in the school-room.

MARSHALL L. PERRIN.

THE VALUE OF THE KINDER-GARTEN

"Oh, why should one ever 'want to be an angel' when one can be a Kindergartner!"

Wiggin puts into the mouth of one of the kindergarten teachers in "Patsy," expresses, in some degree, the feeling of most young women who go into kindergarten work with the real love of it in their hearts and after right training.

True, there are discouraging days, — days when all the patience of Job, increased by as much more as you can summon, is needed,—when all the children in the room seem to have turned into veritable elves or sprites, as incapable of keeping still as a troop of fairies on midsummer eve, and you even begin to doubt the wisdom of the great Froebel.

But those were probably days when your head was aching; and as you entered the room next morning, your enthusiasm had all returned, and your little flock caught your spirit, the work went well, the games were enchanting, and Froebel was again enthroned.

There is a peculiar enthusiasm about this kind of teaching; and may it not be because of the very evident and apparent results that are obtained, the visible rewards of effort seen from day to day?

The genuine pleasure and earnest eagerness with which the true kindergartner enters and keeps at her work is one argument in favor of the much criticised kindergarten method of teaching.

And just here it may be well to note that much of criticism has arisen from the fact that there are in our broad land many groups of children gathered together under the name of "Kindergarten" which have no right whatever to the name; whose leader has not herself had adequate training, and who cannot give her group the real thing, because she has never herself entered the true "Palace Beautiful" and been herself imbued with the true kindergarten theory and spirit.

The world does not know this; it reads the sign, observes what goes on behind it, and makes up its mind, somewhat sneeringly, that if this is kindergarten, it is a very pretty and ingenious way of amusing children, but little more.

The child enters the kindergarten at the most impressionable age. The little mind is open and eager; the chubby hands are reaching out for the right things to get hold of; the feet are so alive that if they cannot dance and run and caper, they may possibly stamp

or kick,— though let us hope not.

In the kindergarten the child is met on his own ground; the teacher does not expect him to become at once sedate and quiet like a grown person, but instead she becomes a child with him. She sings with him, she talks with him, she plays with him. If he is a flying bird, a butterfly, a creeping mouse, or a gay little flower, she is another. laughs with him, but not at him; his pretty sayings and inimitable remarks are received, not as something amusing, but just in the spirit in which they are made. And so she gains his confidence and establishes a bond of sympathy between herself and the child, which enables her to do marvelous things with him. That obtained, there is little trouble with disobedience, disorder, and such causes for disturbance, simply because there has been created an atmosphere where obedience, order and love are wont to grow and flourish.

The morning talks, the stories, the songs and the games take the child into the world of nature, the world of the imagination, of beauty and of poetry, and into the world of labor. He not only learns about the bird, he is the bird, and actually feels the delight of airy flight, as, with wings outspread, he flies about the room. Not only does he hear about the blacksmith, he is the blacksmith; and as he swings his imaginary hammer, he becomes indeed a brother of every man who shoes a horse or mends a broken chain.

The little limbs gain pliability and grace in the games, the mind gets careful and accurate training in the gift work, the fingers become amazingly deft as they busy themselves with the occupations, and the thought of the child is led in sequence, one thing leading to another, one form to the next, the whole kindergarten system being like a great organism, each part necessary to all other parts, and to the success of the whole.

And perhaps above all in value, above all that is given the little learner that is beautiful and good, is the effort to draw out from him his own powers, his own individuality. He is constantly being given chances to express himself; it is only as he expresses himself that he can know himself; and only as he knows himself can he conquer and become truly his own master.

Would that all our children might feel the influence and have the all-round develop-

ment of a true kindergarten.

EMELYN D. CHANDLER.

CULTIVATING THE IMAGINATION

ROFESSOR C. E. Norton has again and again made a plea for giving up a part of the college curriculum to the culture of the imagination. He protests against the overwhelming predominance of scientific study and those courses where the accumulation of facts is the essential object.

If we wait until the college course is commenced before we cultivate the imagination, it will be too late. We must begin with the children while they have the ability to grow

a faculty.

Poor children! They already have so much to learn, — mathematics, history, patriotism, arts and sciences, endless text-books, and almost endless lessons at school, whole libraries of facts and information to be acquired at home,— there seems scant room to cultivate the imagination.

Happily the normal child is a creature of fancy. He does not need to grow a faculty; he simply needs to be taught to use the divining rod of the imagination, which he already holds, to discover "the law behind the phenomena, the truth behind the fact, the vital force which flows through all things" and gives them their significance.

Natural history, sciences and arts are good, but if they simply reveal the world's soulless wonders, if they fail to ennoble the mind and kindle the imagination, they are of doubtful value. If they dull the poetic faculty,

"unweave a rainbow, Conquer all mysteries by rule and line, Empty the haunted air and gnomed mine,"

they have no place whatever in child life.

Children are born naturists. They turn to birds, beasts, plants and trees, animate and inanimate natures, as naturally as blossoms do to sunshine. But they are also original investigators and seekers after truth. Above all they are poetic and intensely human. Therefore, they need to feed upon

the whole of truth, not isolated facts of material things. They want artistic unity of ideas, spiritual significance and vital truths, and they must draw their own individual conclusions, if they are to be a productive force in the world.

Other educators beside Professor Norton are beginning to see that facts, Gradgrind facts, drive the beauty of wholeness from the child's heart and dull the power of the imagination in after life; and are putting John Burrough's "Birds and Bees," which is a joy forever, and Hawthorne's "Wonder Book," and such like, into the schools.

After all, it is poetry, works of living interests and creative imagination that appeal to children. For this reason the fairy tale and the myth stories excite their first, last and eternal interest. They are so human, so picturesque, so full of inspiration and aspiration, which are the essential truths the growing soul needs.

I think it is G. Stanley Hall who says that "the atheism, the materialism of the present day in our land is largely due to the banishment of fairy tales and fiction by the Puri-

tans."

The prevailing school of pedagogies in Germany, the Herbartian, has made the development of spiritual life by means of fairy tales a special purpose of education.

Why not follow the example?

Wagner never learned the secret of his matchless music through study of correct rules of harmony and composition, but rather by the noble use of a great imagination, kindled and fed from childhood by the tales and myths of his native land, making vital and real the truth and beauty of the unseen world. Hamilton Mabie says "To possess this magical power is to live the whole of life and enter into the heritage of history."

"The development of soul, little else is worth study," says Robert Browning.

The moral of it all is, it will pay (we Americans like paying methods) to cultivate the imagination, for the real perils of the race are not material, but always spiritual. It is not the scientist, the mathematician, or the logician, but the seer, the prophet, it is the poetic temper that is the hope and the safeguard of society.

ROSAMUND ROTHERY.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

MARCH LECTURES. An announcement is made in another column of four lectures soon to come.

CONCERTS. A Pupil's Recital has enriched the month. The Henschel concert gave great delight, and Washington's Birthday was pleasantly celebrated by the Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

ART LECTURES. February has been exceptionally fortunate in lectures on art. Mr. Kenyon Cox has spoken on "Michael Angelo," and Mr. C. Howard Walker has delivered a series of four lectures on the "History of Ornament."

DRAMATICS. The Barn Swallows have been lively as ever. In the Chemical Laboratory, too, has been acted, before such members of the Faculty as were not on the stage, a very modern drama, after the model of Maeterlinck's "The Blind."

MR. LEE ON KIPLING. Many guests from the village attended the Current Topics lecture of February 19th. Rev. Gerald Stanley Lee, author of "The Shadow-Christ," gave a vivid address on Kipling.

A NATIONAL SORROW. The Academic Council, on motion of Professor Hayes, has taken fitting action to recognize the shining services and lament the loss of Miss Frances E. Willard.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. The stars and stripes hung before the College entrance, and President Irvine read in the morning chapel service a few passages from the Second Inaugural.

FEBRUARY PREACHERS. The College pulpit was supplied for the four Sundays of February by Rev. F. W. Hamilton of Roxbury; Rev. Francis E. Clarke, "Father Endeavor;" Rev. Edward H. Chandler and Rev. Francis Brown of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

MR. DURANT'S BIRTHDAY. On Thursday evening, February the seventeenth, was held the usual commemorative service, after which the early teachers and alumnae gathered about Mrs. Durant in the Faculty Parlor.

PROFESSOR LORD. The President's Annual Report, just printed, contains the following tribute to Professor Lord: "Frances E. Lord, Professor of Latin, resigned her office at the close of the academic year, 1896-97. Miss Lord entered upon the duties of the chair of Latin in September, 1876, and her term of service has been, therefore, almost coincident with the existence of the College. Throughout these years no one has been in closer relation to all that is recognized as admirable and distinctive in the character and spirit of Wellesley. In the year 1890-91, during the absence of the President, Professor Lord was called to act as chief executive. The efficiency and grace with which she met these duties led the Academic Council, when death vacated the President's chair in January, 1894, to look again to her for leadership, until a definite provision could be made. The College can scarcely hope to possess again in one person the scholarly insight, the dignity and strength of character, the wealth of nature, which it knew and loved in Professor Lord. In the retrospect of twentyone eventful years, she stands forth 'a figure bright and strong, serene and noble,' a valid witness to that faith which is her life."

Mellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798. Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891. REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

HYMN TABLET. A handsome oak tablet, on which the numbers of the hymns to be used in the service may be displayed, has been put up in the Church.

MARCH BENEVOLENCE. On Sunday, March 27, the church will make its annual contribution to the Congregational Church Building Society. Rev. G. A. Hood will speak at the Friday evening meeting of March 25th, concerning the work of this society.

NEW MEMBERS. At the morning service of Sunday, March 6, Mrs. Hannah H. Wiswall will be received into the church by letter from the Methodist church of West Fulton, N. Y., and Miss Barbara Merrill, Wellesley 1901, by letter from the South Congregational church of Andover, Mass.

HOME. Dr. Weston's talk to the Woman's Union on "Hygiene in the Home" has been postponed from last month, and will be given on March 22nd. Mrs. F. W. Shattuck of Natick addressed the ladies most profitably on February 22nd on the subject of "Indoor Occupations for Children."

WEEKLY CALENDARS. The announcements of services each week are to be printed for four weeks on a calendar of four pages, which will be distributed at the morning service. At the end of the four weeks, the Church will be asked how it likes the experiment, and whether money shall be appropriated to continue the calendars through the year.

LENTEN ADDRESSES. The Pastor has arranged a series of Sunday evening addresses for the Lenten season as follows: General theme, "In Holy Places with the Master;" Feb. 27, "In Caesarea Philippi, the Place of Prevision;" March 6, "On the Mountain, the Place of Divine Approval;" March 13, "In Bethany, the Place of Friendship;" March 20, "At the Tomb of Lazarus, the Place of Sympathy;" March 27, "In the House of Zaccheus, the Place of Social Service;" April 3, "Amid the Palm Branches, the Place of Earthly Honor."

COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL. A general committee of eighteen persons to plan for the Centennial celebration of the Church, to be held in the fall, has been elected as follows: B. H. Sanborn, Albert Jennings, Charlotte E. Cameron, Charlotte F. Roberts, Mrs. E. A. Benner, C. B. Lovewell, E. H. Walcott, Hannah Rollins, Charles E. Fuller, G. D. Richardson, C. B. Dana, Julia A. Eastman, F. B. Ingraham, R. E. Anderson, I. H. Farnham, A. P. Dana, F. H. Stevens and E. H. Chandler. Mr. C. B. Dana, Miss Rollins and Miss Cameron having resigned, Mr. B. H. Sanborn, Miss Harriet A. Townsend and Mr. Wm. H. Blood, Jr., have been elected to fill their places. This general committee has met and organized, with Mr. B. H. Sanborn, chairman, and Mr. C. E. Fuller, secretary.

First Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847. REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

Religious Services

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.15 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

Communion Services on the first Sundays of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at morning service.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. "The Lord's Prayer" will be the theme of the morning services during the month.

EASTER SALE. The ladies have in preparation an Easter sale and supper, which will be given at some date in the latter part of this month or early in April.

THE JUNIOR SOCIETY of Christian Endeavor. On March 5, at 3 P. M., the society will hold a "Band of Mercy" meeting. Subject: "The Horse." The Sunday afternoon meetings will be held at 3.15 in the future.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. March 6, Mark 13:12-27, "The Second Coming of Christ." March 13, Chap. 14:1-11, "The Annointing at Bethany." March 20, Chap. 14:12-21, "The Passover." March 27, Chap. 14:22-31, "The Lord's Supper." April 3, Chap. 14:32-42, "Gethsemane."

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. March 8, Topic: "To What Degree Should Children be Left to Their Own Inclinations?" March 15, a sewing meeting. March 22, "The Cultivation of the Devotional Element of Character." March 29, "Foreign Missions." All the meetings will be held with Mrs. Robson.

THE KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT. There may be some mothers who do not know of the existence of this branch of our Sunday School. We heartily commend it to their notice. Mrs. Thomas is the general superintendent. Mrs. Selden James, a trained and experienced kindergarten teacher, is instructing the class admirably. Bring all the little ones. They will enjoy the class and be profited by it.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. March 6, Topic, "A Profitable Sabbath." It is hoped that many will consider and be ready to speak upon this important and timely subject. March 13, a Praise Service. March 20, "The Evils of Every Kind of Intemperance," to be led by Mr. J. K. Richardson. March 27, "Bible Promises," a Bible reading to be conducted by the Pastor.

THE HOME DEPARTMENT of the Sunday School. This work is under the charge of Mrs. Frank Fuller. The purpose is to assist those who may desire to study the Bible at home, in unison with the Sunday School. It is for those who cannot attend the regular sessions of the school. The department at present numbers sixteen. Are there not others who would like to join this work? Mrs. Fuller will provide quarterlies and record cards on application.

Wellesley Bills Unitarian Society

Organized 1871
REV. ALBERT B. VORSE, PASTOR
Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.
Tuesday.

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

LECTURE RECITAL. We take pleasure in announcing to our friends a delightful surprise in store for them on March 15. Miss Helen A. Brooks, of Boston, will give her unique and charming illustrated Lecture Recital on "Old French and English Dances," in Maugus Hall, on the evening of that date, at 7.45. Tickets, 50 cents. On sale at Wellesley Hills Post Office, and also at Wellesley Hills Drug Store.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE connected with the Unitarian Church of Wellesley Hills meets every Saturday morning from 8.45 to 9.45. There are about thirty members, all of whom are also members of the Sunday School. The work now going on is the making of wrappers and dresses for the Floating Hospital of Boston. The officers are as follows: Miss Laura G. Dillaway, President; Florence Hyde, Secretary; and Lydia Priest, Treasurer.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE, through its secretary, sent out notices to the officers and teachers of the school of a meeting with Col. Clarke, the superintendent, to take place on the evening of Thursday, Feb. 17. The meeting was called for the purpose of considering and taking action upon some items of business pertaining to the school. On coming together these matters of business occupied the earlier part of the evening. At a later hour the company was socially entertained by Mrs. Clarke, and this became the pleasant feature up to the hour of adjournment.

THE UNION MEETING, which had been announced in the previous number of our paper, was held agreeably to announcement, but was of a different nature from what was at first proposed. The near approach in time to Washington's Birthday suggested our making it a patriotic service, and this course was accordingly followed. At a time when we could appropropriately make patriotism the theme of our thoughts and our prayers, we met together and sought to involve its spirit amongst us. The meeting opened with a devotional service which was followed by addresses from Mr. J. K. Richardson, who spoke to us of Lincoln, and Col. Albert Clarke who made an address on Washington. The evening was stormy and the rain and the icy condition of the streets and sidewalks kept many away, but those who came were appreciative and grateful hearers of the addresses that were given, and by their presence and united voice in sacred song made our union service enjoyable and a blessing pon our hearts and lives.

St. Andrew's Church

ORGANIZED, 1891.

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
12.00 Sunday School.
Holy Communion

Holy Communion 57.30 A. M. First Sunday in the Month, Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M.

THURSDAY

2.30 Woman's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

2.30 Ministering Children's League.

7.45 Girls' Friendly Society.

Seats free. All welcome.

HVMNALS WITH MUSIC. To improve the music of the church we need a church organ. Next to that we ought to have hymnals with music in order that those of the congregation who can sing may have the notes of the hymns before them. About forty dollars would cover this second need. Why might it not be made a special offering for Easter?

THE SEASON OF LENT. The real purpose of Lent is to emphasize the value of personal holiness. It bids us focus our attention upon this one fact. It makes the thought of sin prominent because sin is the foe of holiness. Sin must be expelled that the true life of the soul may have power to expand unhampered. Lent, therefore, is a spiritual opportunity. Its frequent services are intended to impress the need of prayer and self-denial and a deeper consecration.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The members of the society who live in Wellesley gave an entertainment on the fifth in return for an entertainment by the members from Wellesley Hills. "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" was presented under the direction of the associates. All the characters were admirably acted, and afforded considerable amusement. On Saturday, the 19th, there was a garden party. During Lent the Branch will sew for Indian missions. Services with brief addresses will be held in the chapel, and a singing class will be formed to study church music.

LENTEN SERVICES. First in importance comes the Holy Communion; on the first Sunday in the month at 7.30 and 10.30 A. M.; second and fourth Sundays, 7.30 A. M.; third Sunday, 9.30 A. M.

At evening prayer on Sundays, a course of sermons will be delivered by different preachers. The general title of the course will be "Hindrances in the Christian Life" with the following preachers and special topics: Feb. 27, Rev. W. E. Hayes, "Love of Ease and Luxury;" March 6, Rev. H. W. Wells, "Worldliness;" March 13, Rev. H. U. Munro, "Indefiniteness of Aim;" March 20, Rev. W. H. Williams, "Lack of Faith—Unbelief;" March 27, Rev. G. W. Shinn, D. D., "Imperfect Assimilation of New Scientific Truth;" April 3, Rev. John Matteson, "Divisions Among Christian People."

At the Friday evening services at 7.15, the preachers are as follows: March 4, Rev. A. E. George, South Boston; March 18, Rev. H. W. Wells, Waltham; March 25, Rev. C. W. Duane, Boston; April 1, Rev. A. P. Greenleaf, Everett. The Rev. Prof. H. S. Nash, D. D., of Cambridge, who was to have come March 11, has changed to Thursday in Holy Week.

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LENTEN SERVICES. The Rector of St. Mary's has made provision for services to be held during each week in Lent on Wednesdays at 4.30 P. M., and on Fridays at 7.30 P. M. On Sunday afternoons, until Holy Week, there will be a course of six special sermons on the theme "Hindrances in the Christian Life." On Feb. 27, the Rector spoke upon the topic, "Indefinitences of Nice" No. 2 "Indefiniteness of Aim;" March 6, Rev. Wm. II. Williams will speak on "Lack of Faith;" March 13, Rev. George W. Shinn, D. D., "Imperfect Assimilation of New Scientific Truth;" March 20, Rev. John Matteson, "Divisions among Christians;" March 27, Rev. Wm. E. Hayes, "Love of Ease and Luxury;" April 3, Rev. H. W. Wells, "Worldliness" The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

MISSIONARY MEETING. The parish is to be visited on the evening of Tuesday, March 15, by Rev. I. H. Van Buren, Archdeacon of Lowell. The archdeaconry takes its name from the principal city within its jurisdiction. There are five archdeaconries in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In this way the missionary work of the Episcopal church is extended and carried on. Arch'eacon Van Buren has charge of the missionary work within the County of Middlesex and part of Suffolk. It is hoped that a large audience will gather at St. Mary's to hear the Archdeacon's address. There will be no collection taken. The purpose of the meeting is to increase our knowledge of the missionary work and to excite our interest in those needing the ministration of the Gospel.

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An Opportunity for Manual Training.

The Carpentry and Carving Class for boys began on February 26, and will continue each Saturday afternoon, at 1.45 o'clock, in the McClellan building, on Wellesley Square. The Director will give special supervision to each boy's work, so that one who has aptitude can have all the advantage of his talent, and one who has not can receive the help he needs. The benches are the regular Sloyd benches. The tools are of the best quality, and will be distributed at the shop. A certain number will be the property of the pupil, and others will be provided for general use of the whole class, without charge. Application for admission to the class can be made to Rev. Edward A. Benner, or at the shop during class hours.

Wellesley Boys' Club.

The Club has enjoyed a most interesting and varied program during the past two months. Talks have been given by Mr. G. A. Ross and Miss Annie Scoville on various phases of life among the Indians. Miss Fisher, of the College, has exhibited a choice collection of stereopticon views of Russia; Principal Brown, of the High School, has given an evening of humorous readings; Dr. Roberts, of the College, has instructed the Club with chemical experiments at the College Laboratory; and Mr. Chandler has given a stereopticon lecture on "India," from which about \$18. was cleared for the treasury.

The Club has purchased seven weekly and monthly periodicals, owns a number of games, and has begun to build up a library of the best books. All boys between fourteen and twenty years of age are eligible for membership, and can apply on any Thursday evening at the Club rooms, in the Wellesley Congrega-

tional Church.

Wellesley College Lectures.

During the month of March lectures will be given

in the Chapel of Wellesley College as follows:—
Saturday, March 12, at 7.30 P. M., Rev. J. Thompson Cole, Secretary of the Episcopal Church Missionary Society. Subject: "Japan." Mr. Cole will also preach in the College Chapel the following Sunday at II л. м. Monday, March 14, at 7.30 P. м., Miss Isabel F. Hapgood. Subject: "Russian Life." Miss Hapgood is widely known as a translator of Russian books and is thoroughly conversant with Russian topics. Saturday, March 19, at 3.20 P. M., Miss Lucia T. Ames. Subject: "John Ruskin." Miss Ames is a member of the Twentieth Century Club and lectures

frequently on literary, social and art topics. Monday, March 28, at 7.30 P. M., Arthur R. Marsh, Assistant Professor of Comparative Literature in Harvard

University. Subject not as yet announced.
Readers of OUR TOWN are cordially invited to attend these lectures and to extend the invitation to their friends and neighbors, who would be interested in the subjects presented. It is well known that the Chapel barely affords space for the full number of the faculty and students, but the College seeks to put at the disposal of others seats which are not needed for its own members on the occasions specified.

Wellesley Hills W. C. T. U.

The regular meeting of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held Feb. 25, at the residence of Mrs. Albert Clarke. Sixteen were present. A portion of the hour was given to services in memory of the late Frances E. Willard, whose death has cast a shadow of sorrow over all parts of the world.



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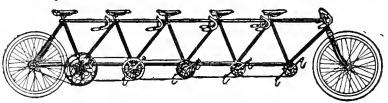
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Where many fail in life wouldst thou succeed Superior to hate or accident? Efface thyself when thou hast done thy deed; Let the delight of doing thee content. Not thee but thine the generations' need; Their betterment becomes thy monument.

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PUBLIC SPIRIT

7 HEN we say of men that they are public-spirited we mean by it that they have at heart the public good, and stand ready in that spirit to do it service. Not only are they citizens, with all that this implies in rights and privileges to themselves, they are also men who feel an interest in what concerns the common welfare. They will use even the most private right of the citizen with some reference to the good of all. The idea we have of the public spirit is that it gives us the man of a broad and generous purpose in his relations to the life about him. As between one motive and another in a choice of things he puts aside the selfish motive and acts from the one that takes in the thought of his relations to others. He puts himself on the side of his duty to his fellow-men. He prefers the good of the state or the nation to any profit that should limit itself to his own personal advantage. Always present with him is this larger motive that reaches beyond his own private and personal gain, and which creates in him

the wish to be of true service to the public.

In the possession of such an influence, one has the strongest of inducements for giving the right value to his privilege in any direction as a citizen and neighbor. He has this strong motive of the man who is seeking the good of all in his use of that privilege. Under it he is made to feel the true significance of his right to vote. If he is called to hold office, he accepts the trust as an opportunity to be of service to the public. He brings with him the sincere and ardent wish to be of true and genuine service in the trust that is placed in his hands. No reward crosses his mind like that of seeing the good in which all can share proceeding from his labor and influence. Not only is he a citizen and active, it may be, in a citizen's opportunity, but he is a good and trustworthy citizen and man. His heart is set on doing right, and "as God gives him to see the right," he will incline to walk.

The public spirit is in a true sense the right spirit enthroned, whether in man or the work that falls to his hands to be done. And since it is the spirit of one that has at heart the public good, it creates in him the desire to overcome evils that exist, to correct wrongs, and to bring about a happier condition of human welfare in the community and the world. In its exercise and use we are ever on the way to better things. We have known its power in some time of special need; we have seen it rise in its strength, like a giant out of sleep, and overturn some giant evil that had rooted itself in the land, hitherto mocking our vain attempts at its overthrow.

As often as public spirit exerts its power in this fashion over the evils of the world, our faith in the power of light over darkness and of the good over evil is made stronger. There may be a good in arriving at the good by some such means, and yet we have the feeling that a greater good would come of a more uniform exercise of public spirit in dealing with and driving out the evils, great and small, which are known to exist anywhere amongst us. The need is a more uniform and constant application of public spirit to the work of reform. It ought not to require a crisis to arouse it and induce it to show its power. It ought to be a daily and hourly influence in our midst, and it will be, whenever we get beyond thinking and living within a narrow sphere of selfhood and are at heart seeking the good of all.

CONSCIENCE IN OFFICE

POLITICAL life furnishes many instances in which office-seekers make promises to the public which they do not intend to keep. These promises are made in order to secure votes; that is their sole motive. If the candidate is successful, he very soon forgets that the people have put him into the office to promote their interests. He is there primarily to promote his own interests.

Of course if he expects to be re-elected he cannot be altogether false to his trust. He must at least make a show of serving the public. But this is all secondary, a means to an end. The end is himself,—a love of

power and perquisites.

How does an office-holder escape his responsibility to his constituents? By a very simple process. He is a member of a political corporation, and corporations have no souls. He can very easily pretend that he has fought hard to get a certain bill passed, when in reality he either voted against it or even strongly opposed it. What does the "dear public" know about it? It is so easy to go to one's constituents and say "I tried to put the thing through, but the other fellows didn't want it." Who is the wiser? No one can disprove the statement.

This shouldering off of obligations upon one's colleagues is a constant temptation in political life. Men who only obey their consciences when they know they will get into serious trouble if they don't, find it very easy to screen their actions behind a corporation. There are two remedies for this sort of dishonesty. One is to elect men of well-known integrity, regardless of political party, on the ground of fitness for office. The other is to publish all the proceedings of corporation meetings with the names of the mover attached to each motion. Hold nothing secret which the people have a right to know.

It is not possible to apply these remedies in all cases, in the present condition of politics, but it is good for all public-spirited citizens to keep them in mind. When the people themselves want the best men, who will render a faithful account of their actions, they will get them. It may be a far-off ideal, but numerous signs show we are approaching it.

At the last election in Waltham, for instance, the independent candidate, a lawyer of high reputation and ability, with an honorable record of service in many public positions, won more votes than the candidates of

the two political parties put together. This is a great triumph for clean politics. The people wanted the man who would serve them and they got him. What was accomplished in Waltham is possible in every town in this state and this country. May the day hasten when triumphs of good over evil like this will be the rule rather than the exception. Then we shall have a free country that is really free, rather than the place of corrupt misrule.

W. E. U.

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COWN meetin's the mos' dimmycratic kind of a meetin' there is," said one of our fellow-citizens the other day, and he hit it about right, as he often does. It is the glory of this venerable New England institution that it gives every citizen a fair chance to take a hand in the government of his own community. May it never become aristocratic, or autocratic, or plutocratic, but stay where it is,— just "dimmycratic."

The Wellesley annual town meeting is a good representative of its class. It is intelligently conducted, well attended, and commands the respect of the citizens. Nothing could be better than the eminently fair and gentlemanly manner of the Moderators, whose services the town is so fortunate as to be able to obtain. Both of the gentlemen who have been of late years serving in this office give thereby an excellent example of good citizenship. Their own high character guarantees the tone of the meeting from the start, and they seem to have the fullest confidence of all classes of our citizens.

It is interesting to note also the confidence reposed in the Appropriation Committee, whose recommendations to the amount of over \$78,000 were accepted almost without discussion. It has not always been possible to dispose of all the annual appropriations, comprising more than one-half the articles of the Warrant, in twenty-three minutes. But this was the record of the recent meeting, and it shows that the citizens, after having appointed a committee of intelligent and honest men to decide how, on the whole, the money of the town, available for public uses, ought to be spent, are willing to lay aside personal prejudices and accept their judgment.

Of course every one of us knows just how to improve these appropriations. The writer wishes devoutly that the town would make provision for carting off his furnace ashes. and would spend a little money in beautifying the tract of town property surrounding the engine-house overlooked by his study window. Nearly every house-owner could give the town a few points on sidewalk improvements, or better lighting, or something else equally virtuous in its intent. But any lack is better than that lack of public spirit sometimes shown by citizens when assembled together, who mistrust each other and wrangle most unworthily, each one solely in the interest of his own important self:

The Committee on Construction of Buildings did not get such fair treatment. It reported certain By-laws for the proper regulation of future building in the town. They seem, to a lay mind, to be, on the whole, desirable regulations. At any rate, if they are not, their particular mistakes ought to be pointed out, for it is high time that Wellesley should protect itself from poorly-constructed buildings and fire-traps. Those who live in the "syndicate" houses could a tale unfold in this matter. To have such a report curtly dismissed, without the slightest argument on its merits, seemed unworthy of the Welles-

ley town meeting.

In the election of the chief executive officers our citizens seem to have had their greatest difficulty in being true to a high standard of citizenship, and that accounts for the unsatisfactoriness of the present situation. Here, if anywhere, the trail of the serpent is visible. The town deserves and ought to have, as public officials, men who regard their office as something to do and not as something to get, who take office at the request of their fellows and not at their own, who use their official opportunity not to pay debts or advance the value of their stock, or bring some petty political influence to a ring, but simply and solely for the highest moral as well as material welfare of the whole people within their jurisdiction. In so far as the newly-elected town officers meet this higher standard they deserve the most cordial support. And to just the extent that they deliberately refuse to recognize this standard ought they to receive the merited rebuke of their townsmen. It is hard to have patience with citizens who, knowing the utterly demoralizing effect of self-interest when it is the governing principle of an official's actions, will continue to vote for those who are openly and avowedly "on the make."

It is a matter of congratulation that the sentiment in favor of pure and true citizenship is strong and active in Wellesley. When we are gathered in town meeting there is no Republican or Democrat or Populist. The bond that unites us all is our loyalty to a peculiarly attractive territory and to a body of citizens second to none in the best qualities of high character and public spirit.

E. H. C.

BEAUTIFYING THE TOWN

THE broad lines on which the beautifying of our town should proceed have already been indicated through the good taste and good judgement of its townspeople, past and present. Wellesley is already an attractive town. This is not on account of especially remarkable scenery. The landscape is a typical New England one, dryer of soil and less luxuriant of vegetation than the surrounding country, with a few hills, three or four small lakes and ponds, a bit of river, and a considerable expanse of poorly-grown woodland. Many a town with far greater natural beauty is still less attractive.

Nor is Wellesley's beauty due to architectural effect or landscape gardening. There are but few noteworthy buildings in the town, and, with prominent exceptions, the possibilities of the gardener's art are apparently not realized. Again, other towns sur-

pass in these ways.

The charm of Wellesley and the attractiveness of the town as a home are results of the absence of objectionable features. Except in one corner of the town there are no factories to spoil earth, air and water with their waste, and humanity with confinement and crowding. The hand of the cheap developer of land has not shown itself, except in one remote section. There are no tenement houses, no quarters where, for the sake of cheapness, wretched dwellings are huddled closely on unhealthy ground, generating disease and crime. There is no public sale of intoxicating drink.

It is true that the forest growth is being relentlessly cut off far in advance of the demand for building. It is true also that in some places building has been done into which the speculative element has entered so much as to cause the welfare and beauty of the town to be overlooked. Such things must be expected in any community of this period. It is fortunate that more serious

injury has not been worked.

The first duty then of the good citizens who have the beauty of the town at heart is to fight strenuously against the admission of anything that will injure what now exists. The addition of new beauties comes second.

The importance of such effort is realized best by observing how closely the natural beauty of the town is allied with the health and happiness of the people. Work for the

one object must also aid the other.

The beauty of the town is threatened today, more seriously than by anything else, by such real estate transactions as have recently taken place near the Hemlock Gorge, where naturally beautiful country has been cut up into minute lots, and sold in such a way that a development in harmony with the rest of the town is not probable. An extension of such transactions would be a menace to the welfare of the town in more ways than one.

Public-spirited townspeople can do a good work, perhaps without assuming serious risk, by getting control of tracts likely to be so cut up, and putting them to more appropriate use. Action of this kind, together with the purchase and improvement of neglected real estate, gives the principal opportunity for individual efforts. The public sentiment of the people must be relied on to prevent other disfigurements, and must therefore be diligently cultivated.

While the preservation of what Wellesley now has is the first thing to be considered, there is no lack of opportunity for improve-

ment and addition.

The roads of the town are well kept and elean, and the people of today are getting the benefit of the good work done by the Village Improvement Society of a generation ago, in planting roadside trees. The time is near when the roads must be rebuilt, and in some cases widened and straightened. Washington street should have immediate attention. While the process of changing is not beautiful, the result will be a decided gain.

The planting of roadside trees should continue, and more diversity in the varieties

chosen will be desirable.

There has been great improvement in the neatness of the roads, and especially the roadsides, within a few years, but there is still room for advance. The same is true of the other public grounds of the town. comment of course does not include the admirably planned and cared-for grounds of

the beautiful Town Hall and Library, — a

thing apart and beyond criticism.

The railroad stations and their surroundings, in so many places eyesores, are here positive additions to the beauty of the town, and much needed object lessons to the townspeople in the use of ornamental shrubbery.

The private estates in Wellesley range from the simplest to the most complete examples of landscape art. The great majority of the townspeople occupy homes of moderate cost, with neatly kept grounds, in most cases strikingly devoid of ornamental vegetation. With so much beauty of leaf and flower so easily available as is now the case, it is too bad that more use is not made Here is an opportunity for anyone to add to the beauty of the town. There need be no fear of too abundant vegetation in

Wellesley's dry soil.

The few prominent features of Wellesley's landscape have been previously alluded to. Several of them are worthy of public preservation. The hills and forests are probably not of sufficient importance to warrant this, the exception being Maugus Hill, where the tract now owned by the town might perhaps be enlarged to public advantage. As the stretch of Charles River at the east end of the town will probably be controlled by the Metropolitan Park Commissioners, who have already taken the Hemlock Gorge, Wellesley's opportunity lies in hearty co-operation with this Board. At the other end of the town the exceptionally beautiful bit of river should be kept in mind, and control of its shore acquired as soon as possible.

Public control of Lake Waban's shores could add nothing to its beauty. The enjoyment of that beauty by the people would be much promoted by public access at some convenient point. The distance of Morse's Pond from the centres of population makes it less immediately important than other bodies of water, although not less beautiful.

Longfellow's Pond, with Rosemary Brook, should be owned by the town; both on account of its proximity to the water supply, and because it is of great natural beauty and

easily available for public use.

Fuller Brook, with its tributaries and the marshes which it drains, should be acquired by the town. As the control of this brook and the proper use of its shores will materially affect the health, happiness and beauty of the town, it should receive first attention.

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SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society. 6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

WEEKLY CALENDARS. A cordial response has been made to the request for special gifts, and Calendars will be provided for the rest of the year.

PULPIT EXCHANGE. The Pastor will exchange pulpits on one of the last two Sundays of April with Dr. F. E. Sturgis of Natick.

A BIRD TALK. Professor Angie C. Chapin of the College will address the Woman's Union on Wednesday, April 27th, at four o'clock, on "Birds." All ladies are invited.

EASTER SUNDAY. The choir, re-enforced by additional singers, is preparing an unusually attractive program of Easter music. There will be an Easter sermon in the morning and a Sunday School concert in the afternoon.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. It has been decided by the Committee in charge to hold the formal celebration of the Centennial of this Church on Sunday, the 25th of September, and Monday the 26th. Sunday will be given up to historical and reminiscent addresses by those who have been connected with the Church. On Monday there will be an oration, followed by a banquet and after-dinner speeches. Probably there will be some observance, in addition, of Tuesday, September 6th, the anniversary of the date of organization.

SPECIAL SERVICES. A series of special services for the week before Easter has been arranged as follows: Monday, April 4, 7.30 P. M., a general service; subject, "The barren fig tree." Tuesday, 4.00 P. M., a service for women; subject, "The last day of teaching." Wednesday, 7.15 P. M., a service for young people; subject, "Why was Jesus crucified?" Thursday, 7.30 P. M., celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Church. Friday, 7.30 P. M., a special Good Friday service; subject, "The glorified cross." The Pastor will give a brief address at each service.

BIBLE STUDY. The Pastor's Bible Class will begin again on Wednesday evening, April 13th, and continue for ten weeks. The general subject will be "The Character and Contents of the Literature of the Bible," and the subjects for the different evenings will be: 1. Principles of Interpretation; 2. The Hexaterich; 3. Old Testament History; 4. Prophets and Prophecy; 5. Hebrew Poetry; 6. The Wisdom Literature; 7. The Remaining Old Testament Books; 8. The Gospels; 9. The Apostolic Church; 10. The Revelation. This class is open freely to all who will come. It will begin at 7.45 o'clock.

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10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.15 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

Communion Services on the first Sundays of Jan., March, May, Sept., and Nov., at morning service.

EASTER SERVICES. Sunday morning and evening of April 10th, there will be special music and addresses appropriate to the occasion.

SUNDAY EVENING. Special attention is called to the service to be held on the evening of April 17th, when a very interesting speaker will address us upon the work in New England among the French Canadians.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. April 3, Gethsemane, Mark 14:32-42; April 10, The Betrayal, Mark 14:43-54; April 17, The Jewish Trial, Mark 14:55-72; April 24, The Gentile Trial, Mark 15:1-15; May 1, The Crucifixion, Mark 15:16-26.

THE JUNIOR SOCIETY. A temperance meeting will be held with the Junior Alliance of the Unitarian Church some time during the month, to be addressed by Mrs. Rice of Boston. The Juniors are also planning for a fair to be held near the close of April. Proceeds for the Juniors' New Church Fund.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. April 4, Topic: "The Poor Whites and the Mountain Whites in the South." Address by Mrs. F. E. Sturgis of Natick, whose early home was in Kentucky. April 11, "Home Atmosphere." Address by Mrs. O. F. Hunter of So. Natick. April 28, annual business meeting, followed by sewing meeting and social hour. April 25, topic meeting, "A Judicious Humility." All meetings to be held at 3.00 P. M. with Mrs. Pronk at the foot of Elm street.

EASTER SALE. The Ladies' Society is arranging for an Easter Festival to be held in the vestry on Thursday evening, April 7th. Among the various attractions will be a "domestic" table, a fancy table, an apron table, and candy table. Cake, ice-cream and chocolate will be on sale. An attractive entertainment has also been provided. Admission 15 cents.

IN LOOKING OVER cast-off clothing this spring, will our ladies kindly remember the hospital barrels to be sent to the children's hospital at Baldwinville. All kinds of clothing for children over three years of age are needed; also men's clothing. It is not necessary that it be in good repair, as they are willing to mend or make over clothing that is sent to them. Mrs. T. W. Travis will be glad to receive and forward any articles that may be left at her house on Chestnut street.

CUBAN RELIEF. The collection for this fund amounted to thirty dollars. A barrel of clothing and a box of food have been sent. Another box, now partially filled with cereals, is to be forwarded. Contributions should be sent at once to Mrs. Souther.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871
REV. ALBERT B. VORSE. PASTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE for the Sunday School Easter Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. On March 13th, the Sunday evening service was conducted by Rev. E. C. Smith of Framingham; the service on March 27th, by Rev. Thomas Van Ness of the Second Church, Boston. Both spoke with great fervor and earnestness on topics connected with Unitarianism.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE will hold their annual May basket sale on Saturday afternoon, April 23, at three o'clock. The occasion promises to be most attractive in every particular. There will be five tables of saleable articles, — fancy and useful articles, popcorn, cookies, candy,—and the May basket table, which is the principal feature of the sale. In connection with the sale the children will give an entertainment appropriate to the season of the year, the charming little play "Sunflower Chorus," or "Grandmother's Garden." A novel and attractive programme to all. Adults, 15 cents; children, 10 cents. Tickets may be purchased from members of the Junior Alliance.

WOMAN'S ALLIANCE. On February 8th, the Branch Alliance of the Church was addressed by the Rev. George H. Hosmer of Neponset. Mr. Hosmer is President of the Unitarian Temperance Society, and gave an account of the work done by that organization,—its aim and scope,—also a report of a public meeting recently held in Boston, at which the injurious effects of proprietary medicines was dwelt on by Edward Atkinson, and a new line of work spoken of as started by the Parker Memorial. March 8th, the meeting was a business one, the time being very profitably occupied by reports from Mrs. Edmunds, chairman of the Post-office Mission Work, and other matters of interest. The meeting on Tuesday, March 22, was addressed by Mrs. Louise Putnam, of Denison House, who spoke on tenement house work, with direct reference to the Ellis Memorial tenement house in South Boston. This is not a charitable home, but a clean, convenient tenement house, where for moderate rent, the poorest people can make a home, the managers trying to instil a higher ideal in neatness and decent living.

The Alliance has given one entertainment, the illustrated lecture by Miss Helen Brooks, of Boston, on "Old English and French Dance Music." This proved to be a delightful affair, and the Alliance is greatly indebted to Miss Eaton for the great pleasure given and the pecuniary return.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891.

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

10.30 Morning Prayer. 7.15 Evening Prayer. 12.00 Sunday School.

Holy Communion (7.30 A. M. First Sunday in the Month, Third Sunday, (9.30 A. M. 9.30 A. M.

THURSDAY

2.30 Woman's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

2.30 Ministering Children's League.

7.45 Girls' Friendly Society.

Seats free. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the Diocese writes that he will visit St. Andrew's to administer the rite of Confirmation on Tuesday evening, May 31.

HOLY WEEK. The closing services of Holy

Week will be on Thursday evening at 7.15, and on Good Friday at 10.30 in the morning and 7.15 in the evening. The Thursday evening service will be the administration of the Holy Communion. An address will be delivered by the Rev. Prof. H. S. Nash, D. D.,

of Cambridge.

EASTER DAY. The services for Easter Day will be as follows: 7.30 A. M., Celebration of the Holy Communion; 10.30 A. M., Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion; 4.00 P. M., Children's Carol Service. Flowers for the decoration of the chancel, or offerings of money to purchase the same, will be gratefully received by the Decorating Committee. All who have plants which they are willing to loan are asked to give their names to Miss Ely. Each plant should have a card attached bearing the owner's name.

"THE CHURCH MILITANT." The March number of the "Church Militant," a paper devoted to the interests of the diocesan Board of Missions, contains handsomely illustrated articles on the churches at Northampton (the seat of Smith College) and Wellesley. It is a Woman's College number, with special reference to the relation of the college to the church. Smith College gets the lion's share of attention, as it is larger than Wellesley and is in closer proximity to the church. There being no college chapel at Smith, the students attend services at the local churches.

The choir are preparing special music for the morning service. It will consist of Calkin's "Te Deum," "Jubilate" and Communion Service in G, and H. W. Parker's anthem "Come See the Place Where Jesus Lay," with violin obligato. Miss S. B. Hayes, soprano; Miss Phila Belle Robbins, Miss Emma Porter, contraltos; Mr. Geo. C. Backus, tenor; Mr. Geo. H. Lowe, bass; Miss Mabel Keller, organist.

The offering for Easter Day will be applied, as is the custom, to the reduction of the mortgage debt. It is hoped that the offering will be a generous one.

The children's Easter offering this year will be a memorial to the late General Secretary of the Board of Missions, Dr. W. S. Langford. It is a most fitting way to recognize his devoted labors to the missionary cause. Efforts are being made throughout the church to bring the amount up to \$100,000, every penny of which is to be contributed by the Sunday schools.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812.

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of St. Mary's Episcopal Society will be held on Easter Monday evening, April 11, at 7.30. A full attendance of members and parishioners is urgently requested.

APRIL THIRD IS THE SUNDAY next before Easter; also known as "Palm Sunday." On this day the Church commemorates the entrance of our Saviour into Jerusalem in a triumphal procession. The multitude that took part in this event spread their garments and palm branches in the way, crying: "Hosanna to the son of David; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord." This day begins Holy Week, and foreshadows our Saviour's death and passion. The use of palms in St. Mary's is to emphasize the blessed events of the feast and make them significant to the devout worshippers.

ON THE AFTERNOON of Sunday, April 3, at 4.30, Rev. H. W. Wells, of Christ Church, Waltham, will preach the last of the sermons in the series appointed for Lent. His subject is: "Worldliness." These sermons by the visiting clergy have received

the thoughtful attention of the parishioners.

HOLY THURSDAY, or Maundy Thursday, commemorates the chief events immediately before our Lord's agony in the Garden and His Betrayal. It was on this night, after the feast of the Passover, that Jesus instituted the "Lord's Supper" with His disciples. Because Jesus said, "This do in remembrance of me," and because of the historical fact plainly and explicitly mentioned in the New Testament history, "In the night in which He was betrayed He took bread," St. Mary's Church has for several years celebrated the Holy Communion on Holy Thursday evening. It will be so observed on Thursday next, April 7th, at 7.30. The choir will sing.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 8th, there will be morning service in the Church at 10.45; evening service at 7.30. It is the saddest day in the Christian year. Nothing in the world's history can transcend in importance the terrible tragedy of Good Friday. It is full of mystery, and before it all Christian people must stand, yielding

the devoutest homage in reverence and love.

EASTER DAY, April 10th, there will be an early service at 7.30 A. M. "And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." This is the historical reason for our early service and the celebration of the Holy Communion. It is hoped there will be a large assemblage of communicants, as in former years. The second service is at 10.45 The Children's Sunday School Festival will be held in the afternoon at 4.30. As is customary, potted plants will be given to each member of the Sunday School as a souvenir of the day. There will be other prizes awarded this year for the best-kept book of S. S. leaflets, and deportment. We expect a service of unusual interest.

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

NEW SOCIAL CLUB. Early in the winter a new social club was formed within the College, membership being open to all who are or have been selfsupporting. This club, which is of the same nature as other working-girls' clubs, will probably be affiliated later with the Massachusetts Federation. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings, and are under the general charge of Miss Helen M. Kelsey.
TENEMENT HOUSE INQUIRY. The students

of Social Economics, in Miss Balch's classes, have assisted the residents at the Denison and South End Houses in their part of the Tenement House Inquiry, made this winter under the auspices of the Twentieth Century Club. The work of the Wellesley students

has been published with the general report.

ADDRESS BY DR. LYMAN ABBOTT. Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Abbott of Brooklyn, N. Y., always welcome guests, visited the College Thursday, March 17. In the evening Dr. Abbott spoke at the regular weekly service, taking no text, but, after a review of the Oriental, Greek and Hebrew philosophies, summarizing the four great questions and their answers: "What is God? Love; What is Man? The Image of God; What is the Relation between God and Man? In-

timate Personal Knowledge; What is Life? Service."

MARCH CONCERTS. Two especially appreciated concerts have been added this month to the long list of musical opportunities which the College year affords,—an organ recital on the 7th, by Mr. William Churchill Hammond of Smith College, and a recital the 21st by Mr. James H. Ricketson, tenor, and Mr. Hugh Codman, violinist. The College Glee and Mandolin Clubs repeated their February concert on Tuesday evening, March 15th, in Boston, for a King's Daughters' Benefit at the Warrenton street home of the Young Women's Christian Association.

THE CONSUMERS' LEAGUE. A subject deserving the attention of both the College and the community at large, "The Consumers' League," was presented in the Current Topics Course on Saturday, March 26, by Professor Coman and Miss Calkins. The Consumers' League began in England some years ago. In 1890 the New York League was organized, having for its object the amelioration of the condition of the women and children employed in the retail mercantile houses. The Executive Committee of the Consumers' League in Massachusetts, of which Professor Coman is a member, is convinced that the League, if it becomes large and influential, will undoubtedly induce manufacturers to use its label on all ready-made goods, and so procure for its members some guarantee that these goods have been made under just and wholesome factory conditions; and this would help toward the suppression of the per-nicious "sweating system." There is a chance to begin this experiment in the underwear trade, which includes wrappers and shirt-waists, because the manufacture of these articles is more easily brought under factory conditions. A large demand for the label is necessary, before it can be practical for the retail merchant to ask that it be attached to goods, or for the manufacturer to use it. Though no pledge need be made to buy only goods marked with the label, those joining the League would naturally request its use, and so make its introduction possible. Membership (\$1.00) may be single or in groups of ten. Professor Coman will gladly give further information.

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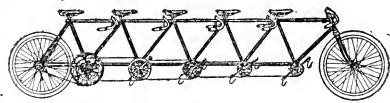
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THE DAY'S DEMAND.

God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;

Men whom the lust of office does not kill; Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy; Men who possess opinions and a will; Men who have honor, men who will not lie; Men who can stand before a demagogue And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;

Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog, In public duty and in private thinking. For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,

Their large professions and their little deeds, Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.

Dr. J. G. Holland.

PRESENT DUTY THE THE OF AMERICAN CITIZEN

IAR exists today between the United States and Spain, and the question comes to every man "What is my duty in view of it?"

Each citizen of this nation has as much power as any other, and is bound to use it rightfully and intelligently. There is no

avoiding responsibility.

In my circle of acquaintance, military, business and social, I have not heard from a single person an expression of opinion favorable to embarking on war with Spain, and yet I doubt whether one of them will refuse to do anything in his power to sustain the government in the course which has been finally adopted. What can we do? I believe it is of first importance that the course marked out by our President should be fully sustained. As I understand it, it is that we

have assumed the responsibilities of war because we believe that Spain has outrageously and cruelly treated her subjects in Cuba, and that this country is bound by its vicinage and its humanitarian views to relieve the Cubans from their sufferings and bondage, and that the war shall not be prosecuted for territorial aggression nor for revenge.

With this in view every energetic effort must be made that the war may be prosecuted to an immediate finish with the smallest loss of time and life.

For this purpose soldiers, sailors and money must be furnished, without hesitation and without stint, with no time given for complication with other powers or for inroads time necessarily makes in lives and resources. It is then evidently fitting that there should be an enthusiastic and general response to all demands from our government. Men are called for, but only those should respond who are able to bear the physical strain of the severe campaign which they will be called upon to endure. Many an earnest patriot in the Civil War was only a clog and burden to his fellows and an expense and hindrance to his cause by reason of physical weakness.

But, on the other hand, in such times as these no person fitted for aimy or naval service has a right to refuse himself to his country if needed. Even more than this, he should see to it that his country should have the opportunity to judge whether his services were needed or not.

Money will be wanted, and whether we are asked to loan it to the government or to give it in form of taxes let it be done ungrudgingly and to the best of our abilities, without concealment and without hesitation. Criticism upon methods employed, even if apparently well founded, is greatly harmful, as in a government like ours it hampers and obstructs.

The final issue of the war cannot be in doubt. Centuries of misrule, eruelty and oppression on the part of Spain have resulted in debasing the nation until it is unfit to be recognized among the civilized peoples of the earth. The torture of the simple natives of the Western world, the horrors of the "Spanish Inquisition," the barbarities in the "Low eountries" and its internal treacheries have heaped up enormities which the Lord of Hosts must punish; but let us be His agents in the vengeance to be meted out, doing His will and not our own.

CAPT. JOSEPH E. FISKE.

THE WELLESLEY CLUB

THE Wellesley Club was organized, as its constitution, adopted Nov. 18, 1889, sets forth, "to promote literary and social culture among its members, and especially to discuss questions relating to the welfare of the town of Wellesley."

Seven regular meetings are held each year, on the third Monday of each month from October to April, at some hotel in Boston, when a dinner is followed by discussion of

the subject assigned for the evening.

No invitation fee is required for admission to the Club, and the annual dues, ten dollars, cover the cost of dinners and privilege of one guest at the annual Ladies' Night, which closes the club year.

A large majority of the questions before the Club, during the nine years of its existence, have been connected directly with the

welfare of our town.

Few, if any, new enterprises undertaken by the town or talked of by its citizens have escaped discussion, and frequently members have had the benefit of information from specially invited guests, thoroughly competent to advise and instruct.

The Club provides opportunities for exchange of ideas between its members and the increase of their knowledge of public affairs, but attempts no action, and its influ-

ence, if it has any, is wholly indirect.

Whatever may have been the results obtained, the possibilities of a civic organization, whose aim is the spreading of unprejudiced information and the promotion of intelligent, active interest in all citizens, are apparent. There never will be a time when such a body will have no place. A chief function of town government is raising and spending money. Wellesley's tax levy will not grow less. Its government will not be simpler but more complex.

A rapidly growing population will increase not lessen responsibilities. New questions, many of them apparently minor, whose influence both on lines of utility and of beauty will be far-reaching, will continually press for

settlement.

An increasing proportion of voters will spend few waking hours in the town and have less personal knowledge of its public affairs. Wellesley will be what its citizens make it. Intelligent and broad public spirit, freedom from local jealousies, accurate information and active interest by its citizens will

make and keep Wellesley a model town.

Indifference, easy suspicion, indiscriminating criticism, surrender of Itown government to the few, will make it the reverse, or at best place it in the list of the commonplace.

JOHN D. HARDY.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

THE Tuesday Club is the least pretentious of Wellesley's elub organizations. It was organized in 1893. Socialism in its various phases was then uppermost in the minds of the reading public. A dozen or more men of Wellesley village desiring to inform themselves on the subject met for this purpose. A president, secretary and treasurer, and an executive committee of three sufficed for officers. Neither constitution nor by-law has been found necessary for the well-being of the Club, and an annual fee of fifty cents has amply served to meet its modest pecuniary needs. The Club meets on alternate Tuesday evenings during the winter at the home of some member. An hour devoted to the reading of a paper presented by a member, followed by a general discussion of the subject thus presented, is the usual program.

After a season's consideration of socialism, succeeding seasons have been occupied with studies in municipal government and other problems, economic and philosophic as well as socialistic. From time to time the Club has broadened its point of view, inviting in speakers from abroad who have presented papers on special subjects. To these meetings the members have invited their friends, until the "open meetings" of the Club have come to be prominent features in the social life of Wellesley village. About every subject that has been known to trouble or to interest humanity has been presented, from woman suffrage to prison reform, from college settlements to double taxation, from immigration to the ethics of foot ball, from the public school system to the fertilization of plants by insects, from German University life to the annexation of Hawaii, from the Polyehrome Bible to the treatment of disease by psychologic process. The discussions have been free and untrammelled, all the members being expected to express anything in the way of a "view" that presented itself.

The Tuesday Club, so informal in its organization and methods, can hardly be regarded

as in any real sense a candidate for public favor, having thus far held to its membership limit of twenty-five men, who have paid their annual dues when they haven't forgotten to do so. It may not be assuming too much, however, to claim for the Club some prominence among the educating influences in a community that is in imminent danger of being educated to death.

ERWIN H. WALCOTT.

THE MAUGUS CLUB

N old times, as in many communities at the present day, men carried on the daily business of their lives in the immediate neighborhood of their homes, with ample opportunity to meet and know their neighbors and to form the habit of co-operation in attending to their mutual interests. In the modern suburbs of large cities conditions are different. From such a suburban town as Wellesley a large majority of the active men of affairs go every day to the city to scatter in all directions and to spend their hours of thought and work among men with whom they have little or no community of home As the young men grow up, they interest. follow in the same course. A natural result is that men lose their interest in local matters, social, political, etc., and either form outside associations or drift along through life without that intimate contact with friends, neighbors and fellow-townspeople that is so valuable a part of life. Even if interest is kept up, a busy man often finds it hard to keep in touch with what is going on, and, with the best intentions on his part and his neighbor's, grows to feel that he is on the outside of local affairs. This is especially true of newcomers, an important class in such a community.

Moreover, the busy men of today are realizing, more than in the past, the need of wholesome recreation, of change in the current of thought, if they are to accomplish their best work.

This condition of things has led to the establishment of many suburban clubs, of which the Maugus Club is an example. Such a club, with its members drawn mainly from the town in which it is located, is a place where men can come together without formality, and where, by the good-fellowship of the games, the informal conversations, and the meeting on the ground of common interests of men of widely differing occupations,

the acquaintance and friendship of neighbor are broadened and deepened.

The Maugus Club made a modest start in hired quarters five years ago, and the need which existed for such an organization has been proved by the interest manifested and by the steady growth in membership. The Club House, erected in 1896, far exceeds early anticipations, both as to size and completeness of equipment.

The Club affords to its members all the opportunities for enjoyment usual to such clubs. The program for the last few months has included a dramatic entertainment, an assembly, a reception, whist parties, billiards and pool, smoke talks and addresses, bowling, both among Club members and in competition with teams from neighboring clubs, ladies' nights, etc. These varied activities afford opportunity for all the members to participate and make the Club an important factor in the social life of the town.

ISAAC SPRAGUE.

THE WELLESLEY HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB

THIS organization is gaining the reputation in the State Federation of being a progressive and wide-awake club. Perhaps it is less appreciated by outsiders in our own community, who are inclined, we think, to consider it a pleasure-loving band instead of the energetic power for good which many of its members aim to be. Its declared objects are "ethical, social and educational."

Socially, it has accomplished much by uniting members of the various churches, and by bringing together the remote sections of the town.

The deeper work of so large a club must be done by departments and worked out more slowly. In the past, various temporary classes have been formed. And now efforts are being made to start work which shall continue from year to year; such as classes in Architecture, Current Events, Parliamentary Law and Physical Culture. Other classes are planned, and practical suggestions for their formation are earnestly desired and warmly welcomed.

Educationally the club seems to be working at present only through its instructive lectures, but it holds itself in readiness to assist in any good work for the public good,

if it can do so without seeming to be officious, in a town already so well controlled by its efficient Superintendent of Schools and other

heads of departments.

The first president of the Woman's Club started it on broad democratic principles, which have ever since been adhered to; and she looked far forward to the time when it should be able to maintain its own elub house and be the firmly-established, influential body which it is rapidly becoming.

It is the policy of the Club to avoid all political and religious controversy, thinking thus to prevent ill feeling, and to be the more ready for united effort in directions where all can agree. Whether this policy is broad enough would be questionable to some minds, but it seems to best represent

the Club as a whole.

With rotation of office, as time goes on, bringing new leaders to the head and returning others to the ranks, with a better understanding of their duties and opportunities, a deeper life must be felt; there will be nobler aims, more loyalty among members, and Wellesley will some day have cause to feel proud of its Woman's Club.

"Gentlemen's Evening" is not the only occasion where men are invited. They can come as guests to almost all meetings, and be sure of hearty welcome. Their presence

will be gratifying and encouraging.

ANNIE S. AMORY.

PAST HEROES AND MODERN CONDITIONS

WE have heard the fervid cry several times lately from men, out of sympathy with the Administration's conduct of Cuban affairs, "Oh! for an hour of Oliver Cromwell or Andrew Jackson," or some other departed hero or patriot. This appeal seems to the ordinary American citizen neither patriotic nor sensible. Just as if these men of the past, whom some crisis called into distinguished action, ought to be temporarily resurrected for the express purpose of grappling with the present grave emergencies and settling them in sixty minutes, by some feat of personal daring or diplomacy to the satisfaction of everybody.

These "men of action," as our dissatisfied friends delight to call them, would in all probability be very much out of place in attempting to deal with present problems. This is our day and generation, and our problems must be worked out under present conditions, not under those which existed in

some previous generation.

There is little sense and less patriotism in publicly declaring a loss of faith in the men upon whose shoulders are the responsibilities for the conduct of this government. The fact is, there is too much expression of personal opinion as to what ought to be done, and too little expressed confidence in the wisdom of the Administration. There will be a quicker return of the favorable business conditions, so suddenly interrupted by the opening of hostilities, if, now that war seems inevitable, we leave to the President and the men associated with him the management of our naval fleets and the disposal of the military, and go about our every-day affairs with confidence that these men will be equal to the duties imposed upon them. We need have little fear that history will find it necessary to record that we lacked the "men for the occasion."

Of course this is not implying that we haven't anything to learn from the heroes and patriots of earlier days. Whatever they exhibited of courage, of moral principle and of wisdom in the execution of great duties are a common inheritance, and it is a rich legacy. But we mustn't lose faith in each other and begin to think there is less of wisdom or true patriotism in the men of our own time. Public expression of such a lack of faith in these crucial days is out of place, and time will very likely prove that it is without reason as well.

Another reflection is suggested in this connection. Our government will grow in all the elements of stability only in proportion as the individual citizen recognizes his civic responsibilities, and intelligently and loyally discharges them. We cannot expect a sound and forceful administration of national affairs, if dry rot exists in the lesser affairs of communities and municipalities, for these are factors in the body politic.

Patriotism will not subsist on cheers for the flag alone, it must have the more substantial food of personal service in matters of public concern that lie at our own doors.

If every citizen will live up to the measures of his obligations, there is little to be feared but what the men of this generation will be equal to the problems confronting us, and departed heroes and patriots may be left undisturbed.

JOSEPH W. PEABODY.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING to the American Missionary Association will be made on May 29th.

REV. F. L. LUCE, of the Union Church, Taunton, will preach in this Church on May 15th, in exchange with the Pastor.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the Department of the Home, to be held on May 24th, will probably be addressed by Mrs. E. Trask Hill of Boston, who will speak in the interest of temperance.

NEW MEMBERS. Professor Sarah F. Whiting of Wellesley College, her sister, Miss Elizabeth P. Whiting, and Mrs. Sarah Campbell will be received into the fellowship of this Church on Sunday, May 1st.

MR. GUITON BERGENZONI, a member of this Church, is serving as a bugler in a division of the Naval Brigade in charge of the monitor "Catskill." This vessel has been assigned to the defense of Boston.

THE CENTENNIAL. Owing to the late opening of the College term, it has been decided to celebrate the Centennial of the Church on October 2 and 3, instead of a week earlier. The program is now being arranged.

HISTORICAL MEMORABILIA. The pastor would be very grateful to anyone who would give or lend him old documents or printed matter which throw any light on the past history of the Church. A picture of the original church building, which stood until 1835, is greatly desired. Photographs of the early Pastors of the Church are wanted for reproduction.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE? The class announced last month has been started and will continue through May. The subjects and dates will be as follows: May 4, "Old Testament History;" May 11, "Prophets and Prophecy;" May 18, "Hebrew Poetry;" May 24, "The Wisdom Literature;" May 31, "The Remaining Old Testament Books." Opportunity for questions is freely given. All who are inclined to come are cordially invited.

PICTURES OF JAPAN. Mr. Fred M. Yamaguchi, a student in Clark University, Worcester, and a native of Tokio, Japan, will appear in the Chapel at 7.15 o'clock, on Tuesday evening, May 17, and describe his people and country. He will wear the native costume and sing Japanese songs, and there are to be a large number of colored stereopticon views to help illustrate. This entertainment is managed by the Junior Endeavor Society. The tickets are on sale by the children at 25 and 15 cents.

First Congregational Church in Unellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847
REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.15 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our Country save
By Thy great might.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. May 1, The Crucifixion, Mk, 15:16-32; May 8, The Death on the Cross, Mk. 15:33-47; May 22, The Resurrection, Mk. 16:1-8; May 29, The Ascension, Mk. 16:9-20.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts will hold its annual meeting at Greenfield on May 17-19. Each church is entitled to representation by its paster and one delegate.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. May 3, Foreign Missions, at the house of Mrs. Codwise, to be addressed by Mrs. Capron. May 10, Topic Meeting with Mrs. Souther, "The Natural Order for the Development of Child Nature." May 24, Topic Meeting with Mrs. Souther, "The Duty of Being Agreeable."

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR Society will have a sale and entertainment in the vestry on Saturday, May 7, in the afternoon at 4, and in the evening at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents. The Juniors have now \$50 deposited toward the New Church Fund. They hope to double that amount. Let every one help. The entertainment promises to be very interesting, and many useful articles will be on sale. At their meeting on Sunday afternoon, May 1, the Society will devote one half hour to the Band of Mercy work. The evening service of May 22 will be in their charge.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. All the meetings for this month, except that of May 29, will be held in the church. On the evening of May 1st, the Pastor will by request repeat the sermon of April 24, on "The Present War with Spain." Arrangements for the 8th are not definitely made, but it is hoped that we may be addressed by Miss Annie Beecher Scoville, upon "Life at Hampton." Miss Scoville has just returned from Hampton and will bring fresh news. On the evening of the 15th, there will be held the usual annual Union Temperance Meeting in our church. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the W. C. T. U. An address will be made by the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Dike on "The Relation of the Temperance Problem to the Home." On May 22, the Junior Endeavor Society will conduct a Band of Mercy concert. On the 29th, the Current Events Committee will present a live program.

Wellesley bills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871 REV. ALBERT B. VORSE, PASTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY 9.00 Junior Branch Alliance. TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tues-

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

EASTER SUNDAY was observed with appropriate services by both the morning and afternoon congregations, the latter being a service with the children, the work of preparation, in which the young and the old united, had seemingly its reward, when with united heart and voice on Easter day the great joy of immortality was the theme in song and prayer. Friends had contributed plants and flowers for the pulpit decorations, and willing hands had made the order of their arrangement attractive and beautiful. There was the blessing of life in the spirit of the day.

A MEMORIAL MEETING, bearing reference to the loss we sustain in the death of Dr. Joseph Henry Allen and Rev. Solon W. Bush, was recently held at Channing Hall, Boston. It was an assembly of sympathetic hearers of the very tender tributes that were spoken. Secretary Eliot had the meeting in charge, and, after the reading of selections from the Scriptures, he introduced the speakers, who were Rev. Mr. Chadwick, Dr. E. E. Hale, Rev. Edmund H. Hall, Dr. Charles G. Ames and Rev. James H. Wiggin. It was a service in which our churches would share and respond to in grateful recognition of the devoted labors of these two widely-known ministers, in whose memory the service was held.

JUNIOR ALLIANCE. The entertainment given by the Junior Alliance was even more delightful than was anticipated. On Saturday afternoon, April 23, the parlor of the Unitarian Church gave a most attractive appearance, with the artistically arranged sunflower curtain, on either side of which were placed tables of saleable articles, that the busy hands for many weeks have been preparing. A poem of welcome, written by Mrs. A. B Vorse for the occasion, was read by Miss Mollie Hardy in the pleasing manner so characteristic of her readings. The "Sunflower Chorus," or "Grandmother's Garden," was excellently given. Beatrice Hardy, as "Grandmother," won the hearts of all by her enthusiastic earnestness to interest her deaf neighbor in her "oncommon sunflowers." Nicholas Smith, as a typical old gentleman of years ago, took the part admirably. The sudden appearance of the children's faces in the sunflowers was a pleasing feature, and the thorough training of their singing and speaking was cordially appreciated. So hearty has been the general pleasure expressed, that the entertainment may be repeated in June. The sale proved most gratifying, and the sum realized will enable the children in the autumn to begin work in their various branches of benevolent interests on a firmer financial basis since the organization of the Junior Alliance.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer. 7.15 Evening Prayer. 12.00 Sunday School. Holy Communion ∮ 7.30 л. м. First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M. Third Sunday,

SATURDAY 2.30 Ministering Children's League. 7.45 Girls' Friendly Society.

Seats free. All welcome.

9.30 A. M.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the diocese will visit the parish for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation on Tuesday evening, May 31.

ANNUAL MEETING G. F. S. The annual service and supper of the Girls' Friendly Society takes place in Boston on Thursday, May 26. The service will be held in Trinity Church. All the branches in the diocese will send delegates to this meeting. It is hoped that a large number will attend from St. Andrew's.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS. Posters are out announcing a concert by the Harvard Glee Club on May 26. A part of the proceeds are for the benefit of the church.

A strawberry festival is in preparation by the Parish Aid department of the church. The date of it will be announced later.

The Girls' Friendly Society expects to give a play sometime during the month.

MISSIONARY WORK. During Lent, the Woman's Auxiliary made sixty-two garments for the Episcopal City Mission in Boston, to which the superintendent, Rev. F. B. Allen, sent a note of grateful acknowledgement.

The Girls' Friendly Society made nearly twenty garments for Miss Sybil Carter's work among the Indians of the Northwest.

The Ministering Children's League are preparing some scrap-books for the same object.

EASTER DAY. The crowning festival of the Christian year is Easter. Every other event either leads up to it or flows from it. The day has come to be recognized in nearly all the churches of the country by special music and sermon, and a profusion of flowers. It is a most joyous occasion because of the great positive truth which it celebrates. The festival was marked at St. Andrew's by these special features: In the first place, the flowers were unusually beautiful, most of them having been kindly loaned from the green-house of Mrs. Durant; in the second place, the Easter offering in the morning for the rectory fund, which was over \$2,000, and the children's missionary offering of \$25 for the Dr. Langford memorial, in the afternoon, were the largest of their kind in the history of the parish; in the third place, a handsomely embroidered set of altar linen, composed of eight pieces, was presented to the church by Mrs. E. W. Flagg, of Potsdam, N. Y., and used for the first time at the early celebration. Altogether, the day is one long to be remembered by all members of the parish.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, Special Festivals,

8.45 A. M. 9.00 A. M.

Choir rehearsals, Tuesdays and Fridays.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH GUILD will hold the last of the social meetings of the season next Thursday evening, May 5, in the Parish House. A good entertainment is being provided by the committee in charge. These Guild meetings are a helpful feature in the parish life. All friends are cordially invited to meet with us.

THE Q. T. CLUB of young women held a delightful social in Freeman Hall on the evening of Patriots' Day. It was patronized by the parents and friends, and all had a merry time. A great deal of the time and interest of the young people are devoted to the work of St. Mary's, and it is well that occasionally they should be helped to some pleasure of their own.

OUR CEMETERY. The committee on St. Mary's churchyard presented their report at the Easter meeting, showing that the funds raised for cemetery improvements had been wisely expended the past year. The grounds were never in better condition. The Committee collects a small tax each year from lot owners, and in this way the graves of friends departed are kept in order and the grounds improved as much as possible.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of St. Mary's Church was held on Monday evening, April 11. This meeting was in accordance with a very old custom in the Episcopal Church to have its annual business transacted on Easter Monday. At this time the parish elected the church wardens and vestrymen and other officers for the year. The financial matters were also attended to. The report of the Treasurer was received; a small balance was reported after paying all bills. It is a great satisfaction to the parishioners to feel that there is no debt for current expenses. St. Mary's parishioners are very watchful in these matters, and try in every possible way to live within the stated income of the church. To be strictly honest and careful in church expenses is as needful, if not moreso, as in personal affairs.

All the officers of St. Mary's parish were re-elected without a sing'e change. Mr. Samuel H. Warren was chosen Senior Warden, and Mr. John Pulcifer Junior Warden, each for the eighth year in succession. Mr. Frederic C. Leslie was also re-elected Church Treasurer for the eighth successive year. It is largely due to the Treasurer's faithful and vigilant interest in St. Mary's affairs that the parish is now in such a good

condition financially.

The vestrymen to serve another year are: The wardens, Mr. Samuel W. Clifford, Mr. F. C. Leslie, Mr. Edward Jennings, Mr. Charles H. Spring, Mr. William P. Morse, Mr. Daniel S. Pratt, Mr. William C. Norcross.

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

SPRING TERM. Tuesday morning, April 12, marked the opening of the spring term. Commencement this year will fall upon June 21.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. The religious life of the College is promoted by the Christian Association, which organizes and directs the missionary work and takes charge of the weekly prayer service.

COLLEGE SETTLEMENTS CHAPTER. A chapter of the College Settlements Association, which has a large membership, gives most efficient support in the work at the Boston Settlement, Denison House.

BARN SWALLOW SOCIETY. Until within two years, there was lacking any general organization including all members of the College. An open society, "The Barn Swallows," now supplies this need, and through its frequent meetings and entertainments aids materially in making known to each other the individual units of the great college community.

COLLEGE ORGANIZATIONS. Much pleasure and profit come to the students through their various organizations, by means of which, also, they have opportunity to bring before the governing body of the College matters of interest to the student life, and to discuss them in conference committees. Each class, moreover, has its individual organization, and according to time-honored precedent, many pleasant interclass courtesies are observed.

CURRENT EVENTS. Pundita Ramabai spoke in the chapel April 14, on "The High Caste Ilindu Woman." Monday evening, the 18th, Professor Münsterberg, of Harvard College, lectured on "Psychology and Real Life." President Wm. De Witt Hyde of Bowdoin College conducted services Sunday, April 17. Katherine Stillings, the nine-year-old violinist, assisted at a pupils' recital last Saturday afternoon. A delightful piano recital was given on Monday evening by Madame Melanie de Wienzkowska.

WELLESLEY ILLUSTRATED. The editors of Scribner's Magazine have begun a series of articles about three of the leading women's colleges to show what the college girl does when she is not seeking the higher education. Miss Abby Carter Goodloe, a Wellesley graduate, is the writer of the first of these articles just printed in the May Scribner's. There are many pictures which were drawn from life and some fine reproductions of Partridge photographs. Both text and illustrations are excellently done.

LITERARY SOCIETIES. The six literary societies give opportunity for both intellectual and social life. Each holds a formal meeting once a month, when a stated program is carried out, informal social meetings taking place regularly, with an occasional tea or dancing party interspersed. The organizations are not secret, in a literal sense, being subject to the approval of the academic council, but each society has its own initiatory form of admission. Society membership is made up of both faculty and students. The number of active members ranges from twenty to fifty more.

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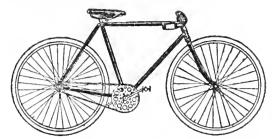
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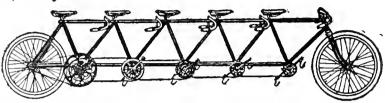
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OUR POLICEMAN.

Slowly, and with grave dignity, Our one policeman, up and down, Paceth the quiet walks and ways Of our well-ordered town.

A town where burglars never come, And drunken men we rarely see, And accidents and fires are few,-How dull his life must be!

Small wonder is it if he feel A sort of semi-sinful joy Whene'er a quarrel he perceives Brewing 'twixt boy and boy.

At least 'tis something in his line To nip it in the bud, and quiet With admonitions grave and stern What might have been a riot.

If I were doomed to walk the rounds, In some small, virtuous town like this, From dawn till curfew, up and down, While nothing went amiss,

Never a casualty or crime To call my valor into play, To pick a fallen urchin up The event of a whole day,

Never a chance to use the club I keep at home upon a shelf, I fear I might stir up A little row, - myself.

MARY A. GILLETTE.

RIDGE HILL

BOUT ten thousand years ago our town was not such a pleasant place to live in as it is today. For centuries the great glacier, like a gigantic file, had been slowly moving over it, grinding the surface to a dead level. But the time came when the Ice King began to lose his power and the ice front began to retreat. The ice, no longer of that beautiful blue color as when it left the snow fields of Labrador, was dingy and dirty, and in some places looked not unlike the granite hills through which it had ploughed its way, so thickly was it covered with the debris from the mountains. Great bowlders were scattered over it. It was cracked, broken and melted until its surface seemed made up of small hills, valleys and mountain chains.

Through one of these valleys runs a little It brings gravel from above; the stones and gravel along its banks roll down into it. Its course is from north to south, until it strikes a rounded, bowlder-covered hill of ice and is turned sharply to the west. Straight across its path is a deep crevasse into which it plunges, and, once more turned in its course, pushes its way through the great fissure under the glacier until it finally rushes into the sunlight spreading part of its load in a delta upon the plain. There, above the place where Ridge Hill now stands, the stream continued to flow through the rapidly decaying ice, cutting its way deeper and deeper down to the solid earth, until it was turned from its course by the opening of a crevasse somewhere to the north. But there, shut in by the walls of ice, remained all the sand, gravel and stones that had found its bed, until the ice had completely melted. And now what was once the bed of that ancient river rises above the Needham marshes and is one of the most interesting monuments that the Ice King has left to exalt our admiration and wonder.

But besides being of interest to the geologist, Ridge Hill and the adjoining swamps hold out great attractions to the lover of During the first week in June of flowers. last year we spent the day there. Starting at the high hill at the northern end of the Ridge we followed the road down past the two large chestnut trees to the open meadow that skirts its eastern slope.

The meadow was sprinkled over with arethusas, and, in sharp contrast to this unassuming orchid, the great ruddy splashes of color showed where the pitcher plant had hung out its gorgeous banners to attract its prey. What a wonderfully constructed insect-trap that leaf is! Those down-pointing hairs bordering that ring of alluring nectar, and, just below, that slippery slide leading to sure Probably the insect preachers have death. worked this leaf into many a sermon to illustrate the dreadful result of the first step down the broad and easy way, as well as the difficulty in retracing the steps once taken in that thoroughfare. But, judging from the collection at the bottom of every leaf, their preaching has not had a marked effect on their con-

gregations.

On the other side of the meadow nearer the woods was another insect-catching plant, the round-leafed sundew, its leaves studded with tiny glistening rubies. After wading through water nearly to the tops of our rubber boots, we were rewarded by finding a few flowers of the buckbean.

Later in the year, when the arethusas have disappeared and nothing is left of the beauty of the bloom of the pitcher-plant except its queer umbrella-like pistil, here may be found countless rosy blossoms of the sweet-scented pogonia and a few spikes of the purple calopogon.

Leaving this meadow we pushed our way through the tangle where, but a short time ago, the flowering dog-wood was in bloom, up to the cart-path at the top of the Ridge and followed its slightly winding and undulatory course to the grove of pines.

After lunch we went down the hill where the columbine grows into the thick shade of the western swamp. We found no flowers here, but all around was a luxuriant growth of ferns, reaching well above our knees. About the time the peep of the young Baltimore orioles is heard in the land, the smaller purple-fringed orchids will push their spikes of delicate lavender up through the green of

these ferns, making a picture worth miles of

tramping to see.

Let me say, for the benefit of any of my readers who may take this walk, that it would be wise before starting to put that old "brier" in one pocket and a handful of cut plug in another. The mosquitoes on this side of the Ridge are not as large as the Jersey variety, but they make up in numbers what they lack in size. But possibly some of you do not possess even one pocket; to you my advice is to take along someone who does and keep pretty close to him on the leeward side.

About a stone's throw from this great fernery were two little shallow pools of water, and rising out of them were the pure white spathes of the wild calla surrounded by their glossy green leaves. For a short distance the swamp is full of underbrush, so we went up the bank where the brown pine needles woven together with goldthread were almost concealed by dwarf cornel and Canada May-

flower in full bloom, with here and there a white star-flower.

Higher up the hill we found the first lady's-slippers, and where we entered the swamp again in the more open woods, they grew in the greatest abundance. We tramped for more than a mile through a garden of these orehids, whose color varied from dark rose-purple to pale pink, and we ended our day of flower-hunting by finding three pure white ones which, if not more beautiful, were certainly more rare than any flower in our boxes.

II. L. ROLLINS.

A MAY MORNING

"The world is so full of a number of things, I'm sure we should all be as happy as kings."

MIGIIT not bright May mornings, full of freshness and sweet sounds, have been among the "number of things" to which

Stevenson referred?

Just before daybreak, not long ago, a warbling vireo woke me and I knew that that cheery call from the elm outside my window was the key-note for a grand chorus soon to follow, in which every songster in the neighborhood would join. I was soon out among them. For a moment the little herald seemed fairly bursting with excitement, and it was hard to believe that those wild, ringing notes could belong to such a small, gray bird. Abruptly he stopped. What a stillness there was! Not even the leaves rustled. All the birds were holding their breaths until the sun should be up. Then the wonder, when, just as the sun appeared, there came from everywhere a grand chorus of voices. The air was full of a new story, woods and birds seemed running over with joy and all the world was aglisten. Above the din of sparrows, orioles and warblers rose the robin's "cheer up, cheer up, cheerily, cheerily!"

One of the little choir was perched on a fence. This saucy song sparrow, knowing, the rogue, that his feathers shaded well with the old rail, waited until I was quite past when, throwing back his brown head, with the bill pointing straight into the air, he sang a familiar "chur, chur, churree, chee, chee," and faced me as much as to say, "You thought me a mere fence post. Can a post sing like that? Do better if you can." The next minute he flew away to a neighboring field chuckling to his little spotted self over the

huge joke.

As the song sparrow's voice died away a few delicate, thrilling notes came from a straight, seanty maple tree, and against the bluest of blue skies appeared the goldfinch in gay black and yellow, a tiny little soul, yet so beautiful is his coloring and so soft and spirit-like are his notes that he seems to belong to the sunshine.

Across an open field fluttered the meadowlark in slow, trembling flights, and then came that plaintive cry which floats to us from some low-lying swamp or far-off hill. The meadow-lark stretched his yellow neck and sang those long-drawn, tender notes, too human for a bird, yet understood by the mate for whom they are intended. They tell

"o' never ending care, o' speechless grief and dark despair."

Suddenly, from a bush near by, sounded a "che-bec, che-bec." There sat the imp, his head as clumsy and out of proportion to his wee body as ever. Not noticing my rude stare, the young desperado kept che-becing until it seemed that ere long he would chebec his head off. My comical serenader eyed me suspiciously and soon, true to his own, jerky, fly-catcher self, made a successful dive after a passing insect.

From a sunny way-side place burst the rich, joyous music of the purple finch, and nearby the ambitious oven bird, or golden-crowned thrush, always in pursuit of knowledge, demanded a "teacher, teacher,

TEACHER."

The bay-winged bunting or vesper sparrow, a shy, timid, whispering bunch of feathers, was hiding behind a stone wall singing away in an undertone. Approaching this little murmurer I heard a song full of trills and difficult passages, yet so soft and light that he seemed practicing to himself for some public performance. The little vespers are taught to whisper in the same way, and perhaps their loud hymn is all the more perfect for an hour of morning drill.

Blending fittingly with Vesper's matin came the clear voice of the wood-thrush. No words can describe this magical song, always far away and seldom interfered with, for when the thrush deigns to sing all other

birds listen.

Close at hand the red-winged blackbirds had stopped their "oo-ka-lees," even Downy, the woodpecker, was resting, and the glad, ringing twitter of the swallows told that breakfast time had come.

MABEL R. WALCOTT.

BUTTERFLIES OF WELLESLEY

THAT amateur sociologist who observed the morning trains and noted the various hours at which the citizens of a certain suburban town, possibly Wellesley, arrived at the city to begin their daily duties, and shortly produced a fairly accurate chart showing the relative standing and wealth of the inhabitants, might have adopted a somewhat similar method in the classification of butterflies with equally successful results.

Naturalists have discovered that, as a general rule, butterflies which fly in the daytime have certain characteristics. Their feelers have a knob at the end, and they shut their wings with the upper sides together. are the true butterflies. Butterflies which fly at twilight differ in that their feelers are thickest at the centre and taper both ways, and when at rest their wings are nearly horizontal. These are the dusk fliers, of which the hawk or humming-bird moths are familiar examples. Butterflies which fly at night are called moths; their feelers are often like miniature feathers, or else are thickest at the base and taper toward the end, and they rest their wings as do the dusk fliers.

All butterflies pass through four stages—the egg, the worm, the chrysalis and the perfect winged insect. Popular interest begins, and often ends, with the final stage of butterfly life, not only because of the beautiful forms and colors there so conspicuous, but also for the reason that study of the insect, in its other stages, is attended by difficulties. For like reasons, the scope of this article will be limited to the true butterflies.

Of the true butterflies—those which fly by day, have their feelers (antennæ) knobbed, and rest their wings vertically over their bodies—less than fifty species are likely to be found in Wellesley. Five of these might attract notice because of their numbers, a dozen are common, two dozen not rare, and the remainder decidedly uncommon.

By June the common white butterfly, Pieris rapæ, may be seen flying over cultivated ground in abundance, while in the meadows and fields the yellow butterfly, Colias philodice, the tiny copper-colored Chrysophanus americanus, and the larger red and black Melitæa tharos, flit from flower to flower. All of these have been on the wing for a month, and may be seen till late in the fall. In July the Satyrus alope, 2 1-2 inches

across, brown, with two eye spots and a yellow band on the fore wings, will be common in grassy meadows bordered by woods or bushes. This knowing insect lies hidden in the grass, or flits screnely from spot to spot, but if disturbed, starts immediately with a peculiar zigzag flight for the adjoining trees or shrubbery, where it is speedily lost to view, much to the discomfiture of the collector. These are the commonest butterflies in

Wellesley.

Those butterflies which appear in May, or earlier, include the purplish-brown, yellowbordered Vanessa antiopa, which hibernates and flies in the "Hundreds" and similar localities, often before the snow is fairly off the ground; three species of Pyrameis—Atalanta, Cardui and Hunteri, which are black, with markings of red or orange above, and have eve spots and peculiar marblings below; Argynnis bellona, which is tawny-yellow or reddish, with numerous black spots and markings, a few specimens of which may be found in almost any wet grassy meadow in Wellesley; and Lycana pseudargiolus, a small butterfly, azure blue above and pearl gray below, which also frequents the "Hundreds," where it flies along the wood paths.

In June come our largest and most showy butterflies, the three swallow-tailed Papilios -Turnus, often five inches across, yellow, with black border and stripes; Troilus, four inches across, fore wing black, with one row of spots, and hind wing with one pure orange spot at lower margin; and Asterias, similar to the preceding, but with two rows of spots on fore wing, and a black spot in the centre of the orange spot. These three butterflies are frequent visitors in Wellesley gardens, where they patronize lilacs and syringas. Three Grapta butterflies—Interrogationis, Progne and Comma—appear in June. The margins of their black-spotted and fox-red wings are irregular, and on the under side of the hind wings, near the centre, in the three species are respectively, a silver semi-colon, a letter L and a comma.

In June also come Argynnis myrina, in appearance and habits like Argynnis bellona, but with pearl-white spots on the under side of hind wing; Melitæa phaeton, black with orange and white spots, a pretty and uncommon insect which flies year after year in four or five wet, grassy meadows in Wellesley, and is almost never found outside of these

spots, of sometimes only a few square rods; and Neonympha eurytris, dark grayish brown, with eye spots, which, with a jerky flight, wanders here and there in the vicinity of open woods.

In July the butterflies come thick and fast, and by the first of August no new species appear, although many have several broods, which come at intervals throughout the summer and fall.

Danais archippus, a tawny-orange and black-veined butterfly, four inches across, delights in clover blossoms, and is fairly common in the large fields on the left side of Washington street, between Wellesley village and South Natick. Limenitis disippus is similar to the preceding, but smaller, and abstracts nectar from the red milkweed which grows in swampy places.

Limenitis ursula is one of our handsomest butterflies. It has irridescent black and blue tints, with a striped border, and frequents cool back roads, like portions of Worcester street and Wellesley avenue, and the margins of woodland pools. Neither is it wholly oblivious to the charms of civilization, for

pig pens are its especial delight.

Two species of Argynnis—Idalia and Cybele—frequent the red swamp milkweed in July. They are large, tawny-orange butterflies, with black dots and markings above, and silvery spots below. The Idalia has the lower half of the upper side of its hind wings black, with orange spots.

Neonympha canthus is a delicately shaded yellowish-brown butterfly, with eye spots, which flies in isolated localities in woods, where there is grass underfoot. It has been found in several places in Wellesley, and also near Glen Road, over the Weston line.

Chrysophanus epixanthe is a diminutive but pretty insect that flies over grassy bogs, and has been found near the Needham line, off Cartwright street. It is dark brown and black, with orange spots on the hind wings.

The aim of the student of butterflies should be to ascertain the relationships existing between the various species, based upon the whole life-history of the insect; and not only to enjoy superficially the varied phenomena of butterfly existence, but to know the why and the wherefore of these phenomena—knowledge which will increase many fold the pleasure to be derived from the collection and study of these most beautiful of all forms of animal life.

ALEX E. WIGHT.

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MR. FRANK C. TUCKER, a member of this congregation, is in the ranks of Company E, 6th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers. In the same company are sons of Dr. F. E. Emrich and Rev. W. G. Puddefoot of South Framingham.

HOME MISSIONARY BARREL. As a result of the winter's work a most valuable collection of useful and attractive garments and other necessary household furnishings has been sent to the home missionary in the West in whom the Woman's Union has been interested.

CHILDREN'S DAY will be observed on June 19. At the morning service Bibles will be presented to children who were baptized in 1891, and there will be a special sermon to children. In the afternoon will be held the usual Children's Day Sunday School service. On this day the Church will make a contribution to the Sunday School and Publishing Society.

WOMAN'S UNION. Addresses have been made to the Union by Professor Ellen Hayes on temperance work and Professor Katharine Coman on the Consumer's League. The advantage of proximity to the College is being thoroughly appreciated, and the women of the congregation are heartily grateful for the readiness to co-operate with them shown by members of the College faculty.

LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP. Mrs. M. J. Cooley, mother of Professor Grace E. Cooley of Wellesley College, died on May 16th. Mr. John Weston, now living in Dorchester, and Mrs. F. W. Shattuck of Natick, have withdrawn to connect themselves with other churches. Mrs. F. T. Gilman is soon to leave for Colorado Springs to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ahlers, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Gilman are to remove their place of residence to New Bedford.

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4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. The second Sunday in June is to be observed as usual. There will be a concert exercise by the Sunday School, with presentation of Bibles, and an address by Rev. Pitt Dillingham on work among the children in the black belt of the South.

THE FLOWER MISSION department of the W. C. T. U. will open its work for the season on Saturday, June 4, at headquarters, 171 Tremont street. Donations of flowers, fruit or money for the work will be received on the Fridays of June between the hours of 4 and 7 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. Frank L. Fuller.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. June 5, Missionary Concert. June 12, Children's Sunday exercises. June 19, True Friendship. June 26, The Right Use of Time. The program for the next six months. must be made out in June, and the Sunday Evening Service Committee would be glad of any suggestions which may be sent to the Pastor or to Mr. Joseph W. Peabody.

THE NEXT COMMUNION SERVICE will be observed on the first Sunday in July. The Pastor would remind members of other churches, now residing here, that this church invites them to membership here. Letters should be presented to the Pastor during the first fortnight in June. There will be a meeting of the Church Committee at the close of the Friday evening prayer meeting on June 17, to which all who wish to unite with the church are invited.

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY. With the very cordial help of their friends the Juniors made \$57 at their recent sale and entertainment. \$50 of this they have added to their bank deposit, thus making \$102 for their New Church fund. The Band of Mercy meeting will be omitted this month. The Pastor will speak to the Society on the afternoon of June 10th, and the Superintendent hopes that every member will be present.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS. The lessons for June and July will be in the Epistle to the Ephesians: June 5, Chapter 1, "God's purpose in Christ and the apostle's prayer for the church;" June 12, Chapter 2, "What Christ has Accomplished. Paul's Idea of Salvation;" June 19, Chapter 3, "Paul's Missionary Motive;" June 26, Chapter 4, "Christian Unity. Practical Principles of Christian Conduct." N. B. This class meets at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and is open to all men.

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10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

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SOUTH MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE. summer meeting of the South Middlesex Conference The will be held in our Church on Wednesday, June 15th, beginning at 9 o'clock with a devotional service. The names of the speakers who are to address the Conference are not announced in season to appear in this notice, but as soon as the arrangements for the meeting are completed they will be made public. The meetings of this Conference are, as a rule, largely attended, and a summer meeting in a neighborhood like our own is likely to prove attractive. There will be a morning and an afternoon session of the Conference, and a most cordial invitation is extended to the friends throughout our town to attend and unite with

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL has organized for the work of the coming year with the following choice of officers and committee: Superintendent, Col. Albert Clarke; Sunday School Committee, Mr. George E. Richardson, chairman; Mrs. H. L. T. Bryant, clerk; Mr. John D. Hardy, Mrs. E. A. Perkins, Miss Lucy S. Osgood.

THE WOMAN'S ALLIANCE of the Unitarian Society held its annual meeting, which was also the last regular meeting of the season, on Tuesday, May 10. The principal business was election of officers, review of the year's work and plans for the next season. This was followed by afternoon tea and a social hour. The officers for the next year will be:-President, Mrs. Calvin W. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna B. Park; Secretary, Mrs. G. A, Purdy; Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Spencer. At this meeting plans were matured for a festival to be given June 2, and the following committee was appointed to take charge: Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Edmunds, Mrs. Dudley, Miss Saw-yer and Mrs. Towne. As the object is to foster social life the Committee decided that the members of Alliance will act as hostesses and receive all who wish to come, trusting to the sale of aprons, plants and refreshments to defray expenses. The Junior Alliance will repeat the charming little play of "Grandmother's Garden," and in the evening all will be entertained by Miss Marie Laughton's readings, and music by Mr.

The Junior Alliance have again started their weekly contributions to the Parker Memorial Flower Mission. It is hoped the older people will feel enough interest to send regularly garden flowers. Master Nicholas A. C. Smith will receive all contributions on Mondays, afternoon and evening.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer. 12.00 Sunday School. Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.

SATURDAY

2.30 Ministering Children's League. 7.45 Girls' Friendly Society.

Seats free. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the diocese visited the parish for the purpose of administering the rite of confirmation, on Wednesday evening, May 25. The following candidates were presented, two from the parish and one from the College: Mary Lillian Nye, Olive Louise Cook, Mary Franklin Clarke of Webster, Mass. The Rev. A. L. Bumpus of Natick presented one candidate from Walnut Hill School.

SERVICES IN SUMMER. During the Rector's absence abroad, the following clergymen will officiate: June, the Rev. William H. Brooks, D. D., of Boston, Secretary of the Diocesan Convention; July, the Rev. Robert LeB. Lynch of Brighton; August, the Rev. Frederick C. Lauderburn, minister of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Pa. The last-named is the son of our Senior Warden. He was graduated from the General Theological Seminary last year, and ordained to the priesthood in May.

MISSIONARY OFFERING, WHITSUNDAY. The offering for missions amounted to \$129.62 which has been divided as follows: \$35.00 appropriation to the Arch-deaconry of New Bedford for diocesan missions; \$10 for the Fresh Air Fund and Mothers' Rest, Episcopal City Mission, Boston; \$10 for missionary stipends, diocese of Indiana; \$12.50, half of annual pledge toward the salary of the Rev. L. H. Roots, missionary at Wuchang, China, from Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge; the balance. \$62.12, was sent to the General Board of Missions New York City, to be divided at its discretion.

ANNUAL SERVICE G. F. S. St. Andrew's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society was represented by eleven members at the annual service of the Diocesan Organization held in Trinity Church, Boston, Thursday evening, May 26. Previous to the service, supper was served to the delegates in Mechanics' Hall. At seven o'clock, the procession was formed in two divisions, marching on both sides of Huntington avenue to the church. Most of the branches carried beautifully-embroidered banners. As they filed into the church, singing the three processional hymns, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," "Ancient of days," and "Fling out the banner," the sight was very impressive. The music of the service was entirely congregational, the branches having practiced it several months beforehand. The Rev. George Hodges, D. D., of Cambridge, gave a strong, earnest sermon on the text "For their sakes I sanctify myself," emphasizing the equal necessity of personal sanctification and social service for a normal Christian life. The offering which was collected in small, red silk bags, one for each branch, was devoted to St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

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Religious Services

SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, Special Festivals,

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SPECIAL DAYS. There are three special days in the Church Calendar to be observed in June: St. Barnabas, June 11; St. John Baptist, June 24; and St. Peter's Day, June 29. There will be a service of Holy Communion on each day at 9 A. M.

THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF LOWELL held its annual meeting in the Church of the Ascension, East Cambridge. The delegates to represent St. Mary's Church were the senior warden, Mr. Samuel H. Warren, Mr. Samuel W. Clifford and Mr. George P. Codwise.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING at Easter for the Dr. Langford Missionary Fund amounted to \$18.50. Four scholars received special prizes in recognition of faithful attendance and care in the use of lesson papers during the year. Those receiving the prizes were Marion Morse, Mary B. Burnett, Marion Wiswall and Carrie Sears.

TRINITY SUNDAY. This festival occurs on June 5th. It is the last of the chief days of the Christian year before the Advent season, and marks the beginning of the Trinity season, which covers nearly half of the Christian year. In St. Mary's Trinity Sunday will be observed with the celebration of the Holy Communion at the usual morning service.

THE CHOIR is making careful preparation to join in the great chorus of church choirs which every year holds a musical festival in Boston in June. It held a good rank among other choirs last year. The parish gets the direct benefit of its work for the festival, not only in the rendering of the special music in our Church, but in the results obtained by earnest devotion to all parts of the service.

DEATH. The parish has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mrs. Charles F. Ciehore, which occurred in the early morning of the first Sunday in May. For many years Mrs. Crehore has been a faithful communicant in St. Mary's. Her gentle life and kindly spirit will be greatly missed among us. Her devotion to the welfare of the Church was constant, and her character was a consistent expression of the principles of the Christian faith.

THE ALTAR CHAPTER would be very grateful for contributions from the parishioners for its needed work. It provides flowers for the Sunday services, when they are not given, and also keeps the vestments and altar linen clean and in repair. The members of the Altar Chapter are: Mrs. W. C. Norcross, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Pronk, Mrs. Curtis, Miss Sarah A. Jordan, Miss Susan Pulcifer and Miss Eva Wiswall.

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

CLOSE OF COLLEGE. Final examinations will begin June 9th and extend to the 16th. Entrance examinations for admission will be held here, in New York, and other appointed places, from June 7th to 10th inclusive. Commencement will fall on Tuesday, June 21st, and Alumnæ Day exercise on June 22nd.

EVENTS AND VISITORS DURING MAY. The list of preachers for May is a notable one,—Bishop Vincent, Dr. W. H. P. Faunce, Dean Hodges, Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall and Dr. T. T. Munger. Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer and Miss Lilian Horsford, trustees of the College, were given a reception at Norumbega Cottage recently. Through the courtesy of the Misses Eastman many from the College enjoyed the admirable lecture by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie on 'Literature as a Resource," at Dana Hall, May 25th.

GENERAL NOTES. Attractive new courses of study are offered in almost every department for next year, those particularly noteworthy being in art, pedagogy, English and literature. Miss Ella E. Carlisle is the newly-appointed associate professor who will have charge of all the work in Pedagogy. Four courses are offered: 1 and 3, Educational Theories; 2, Psychology as applied to Pedagogy; 3, School organization, management and principles of teaching.

Under the auspices of the English literature department, the Harvard chapter of Delta Upsilon gave "The Shoemaker's Holiday" in the Wellesley town hall, May 19th. This entertainment, as also the Harvard Glee, Banjo and Mandolin concert on the 26th, was well attended by the College community.

Professor Katharine Coman visited New York May 16th, as a delegate to the National meeting of the Consumers' League.

COLLEGE FETES. The Tree-Day exercises have been appointed for June 3rd. As usual, each class has charge of its own arrangements, which are kept rigidly from the knowledge of the other classes. Guests on this day are confined to members of the College, this being Wellesley's own exclusive fêteday.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" has been decided upon by the Shakespeare Society for their annual out-door representation. Two performances will be given; one, June 11th, the other, June 15th, provided the weather is favorable. This play, which was given four years ago, finds a charmingly unique setting in the vicinity of Longfellow's Pond.

"Float" this year, wind and weather permitting, will be held on the evening of June 14th. A movement is now on foot to place the arrangements in the hands of the Athletic Association, thus relieving the senior crew of responsibility at a time when hours are most precious. Excellent practice has been gained by the crews, and the English all-round pleasure stroke, advocated by Mr. Lehman, is in use this year. There have been a hundred students in the rowing squads,—eighty oarswomen, twenty coaches and coxswains. The crews to row on "Float" night are now being chosen from these numbers. An effort is being put forth to have the "Float" somewhat more than usual in the nature of a carnival.

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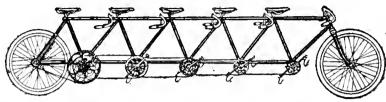
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UR TOWN has passed the first of July successfully and looks forward to the completion of its first year with complacency. We shall be glad to receive a few more 25-cent pieces from our readers to make sure that the balance is on the right side of the account on January 1st, 1899. Any one who wishes the complete set of issues for 1898 can have them by applying to the Publisher or Managing Editor. subscription is taken for any other period than the Calendar year.

A TYPICAL DAY

"Oh! which were best, to roam or rest? The land's lap, or the water's breast?"

I / ITH its constant changes, its endless moving on, water finds an answering echo in our hearts and lives. For is not progress, key-note of these latter days, a constant moving on? Hence, the satisfaction of the sea—at least until we have grown old and are content with the rest of the everlasting hills.

This was vaguely in our minds, but what eventually decided the whereabouts of our holiday was the cordial invitation to Rose-

merry Farm.

Starting on the afternoon express from Boston, we rolled swiftly over the Quiney-Braintree levels. Beyond Bridgewater we passed the head of Buzzard's Bay, catching a glimpse of Cleveland's "Gray Gables" and Jefferson's red-brown roofs. Then, changing to a local train, we entered upon the territory of the real Cape Cod,—seeing, here, a waste of dark blue water and pale sand dunes; there, stunted pine forests; elsewhere,

hay-fields, cranberry bogs and myriads of birds,-till at length Cataumet, our Mecca, was before us.

A half-mile drive brought us to Rosemerry Farm, haven of content, the century-old house, built in Cape fashion, standing in the midst of wide-armed elms, fruit trees, morning-glory vines and rose-bushes. The delicious soft air was full of country music, clear calls from the tame "Jim Crow," ecstatic barking from old Skipper, the gladness of children's voices, and in gentler tone, the genial welcome of host and hostess.

There was a cloudless sky the next morning. No hour could be wasted, and speedily the four elders and five children were on the

road in two roomy carriages.

Turning inland, eastward, we drove into the wood-road region. Sometimes, for miles the way was a mere path through thick, tangled undergrowth of pitch-pine and scruboak, and everywhere, the sweet July roses. Occasionally, a clearing came in sight, where low-lying farm buildings were clustered around a cranberry bog; and often the way was lost, for these wood-roads run at all angles. Our route lay southward, now, through Hatchville, with its hovering settlements of tiny cabins occupied by "real live Injuns" and Negro half-breeds. At high noon we reached Ashumet, dining sumptuously here in an old orchard bordering on the magnificent Ashumet Pond.

Hog Island, bought as pasture land, years ago, for thirty-five cents, now a fashionable summer resort, was our final destination; and our way thither lay through West Fal-As we left the wood-roads, the aroma of the pines was mingled deliciously with the fragrance of the sea. Soon, everything suggested the sea. Beach-grass, bayberry and beach-plum bushes lined the roadsides. For birds there were gulls and fishhawks; for earts in the fields, boats turned bottom upward. Dwarf apple orchards and clumps of backward-bending oaks showed the force of the strong, sweeping winds. Most typical of all, an occasional wind-mill, old, and full of Dutch dignity, loomed high on the landscape, a gray-looking octagonal tower, with long timbers slanting to the ground, a landmark in the old days for the Cape sailor.

West Falmouth, half old, half new, with its prim Quaker church, its geometric graveyard, its generous summer homes, is a serene village, facing westward to the blue of Buzzard's Bay. A wooden bridge connects it with the long, narrow Hog Island—bleak, barren of trees, bereft of Nature's bounties.

The breakers along the sandy shore were monotonously keeping time to old ocean's endless refrain, and the south wind was rising. Behind, lay the horizon line of low trees and sand hills; in front, the wild, fathomless waste of waters. Air, ocean, shore, vividly echoed that characteristic Cape Cod poem,—with its deep melancholy—

"The salt, salt smell of the thick sea air And the smooth round stones that the ebb tides wear,—

When will the good ship come?

"The lapping wave and the broad gray sky, Where the cawing rooks and the slow gulls fly,— Where are the dead untold?"

"And among the dark pines, and along the flat shore,

O the wind and the wind, forevermore —

What will become of man?"

But all at once, the glorious sun, setting, broke through the clouds, and the bay flashed fire from a million waves. As the sun went down, Wing's Neck light shone out, sending across the leagues of restless water its message of safety. And all along the way the evening lamps glowed warmly as we drove homeward to Rosemerry Farm.

Which were best? Best, whether we roam on land or sea, best the benediction of the home-coming.

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A GLIMPSE OF CAMP LIFE

POR those of us who were born during or since the days of the Civil War there is a special interest in the story told by those who are now in camp. What has been to us hitherto almost as unreal as the imaginative detail of fiction is now a most vivid reality. We read the newspapers with the greater avidity to discover whether it be really true that a soldier's life is like the description of it that as children we have learned to know. And a letter from the field is such a new experience that every detail narrated in it possesses perhaps an unwarranted significance.

For this reason the following extracts from a personal letter are here reprinted. Enough for most of us to know that they are from one of our own Wellesley boys now on duty.

"We had a delightful trip all the way from

South Framingham,—plenty of oranges, plenty of beautiful scenery. At Pittsfield they gave us the send-off of the trip. Cannons were fired, the people cheered themselves hoarse, and the girls handed up dainty lunches to the boys in the windows.

Of course you have heard of our successful march through Baltimore. It was a good six-mile route, and in heavy marching order too, so you can imagine that we were tired when we got back to our clean cars and the lunches the kind people had provided.

It was about ten o'clock Saturday night when we arrived in Washington, so we could not see much. After resting on our arms about half an hour we marched two miles to take the train for Dunn Loring, about ten miles further. We were allowed to spend the night in the ears. On Sunday morning we were assembled, in a man's cornfield, I am sorry to say, for rations of canned beans and bad coffee and hardtack. After breakfast we marched two and a half miles further to our present camp. The ground here is a reddish clay and does not absorb the water, though the camp is on pretty high ground. As it was rainy and the camp had just been vacated by another regiment, we thought we saw a hopeless task before us. But soon each tent was in place with trenches dug about it. In a day or two each mess had its bed of bark and straw and evergreen. Most of the beds have been raised a foot or more above the ground by the Colonel's order.

For the first few days there was no water within a mile from eamp fit to drink. Now we have a well driven fifty-seven feet. The pump handle has no rest from sunrise to sunset, since more than five regiments draw water here. Some walk over a mile for it.

The following is the daily program: Reveille at 5.15 A. M., followed by assembly at 5.30; breakfast at 5.45; general police of eamp and sick call at 6.15. At 6.30, drill, school of the soldier. This includes a setting up drill, simple arm and leg movements, somewhat like school gymnastics. Recall at 7.30; theoretical instruction in the guard manual, general orders, etc., 8 to 9. The other day the Major had a rifle dismounted and assembled for our benefit. Another day he read a letter from an uncle who had eamped here during the Civil War. From 9.30 to 11, drill in school of the company, troop or battery; dinner at 12. A battalion drill usually comes from 3 to 4.30. In this

drill we generally go off into the woods and practice skirmishing and scouting. Supper at 5.30; dress parade at 6.30; tattoo sounds

at 9; taps at 9.30.

On Wednesday morning I felt so miserable that I had to answer to the sick call. I tell you it was a luxury to lie once more on a spring bed in that fine large hospital tent, the coolest place in camp. I could look out over the officers' quarters and see every one take off his hat as he passed the color line. That evening I had a whole box of strawberries for supper. They are five cents a box down here. Yesterday morning my quartermaster sergeant brought me some eggs on toast and milk, so you see I am well cared for."

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER AID COMMITTEE

A T the annual meeting of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club a committee was chosen to take charge of relief work for our army and navy, in case we should be called upon to share in such work. At the call of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association we offered our services. On May 24 we received a letter containing the fol-

lowing appeal :

"Relying upon the patriotic offer of assistance made to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association by your Society, we enclose herewith a sample of an abdominal band, and ask that you will aid us in our work by having made at least one hundred of them, or as many more as possible. These bands are very essential to the health of our troops in the tropics, many of whom are in urgent need of them at this time. The surgeons of the Massachusetts regiments have requested that a large supply of them be forwarded speedily."

In one week one hundred and twenty-seven bands were delivered at headquarters in Boston, five more having gone to Manila. The pleasant commendation was received: "Wellesley is one of the very first towns to report with finished work." Four barrels of magazines have been sent. Learning that the surgeons were still asking for bands, we promised one hundred more and twenty-five pajamas. An opportune and generous offer was made of the use of the Maugus Club Hall for our sewing meetings. We have gladly availed ourselves of this privilege. On Tuesday, June 21, we held an all-day

session and one hundred and one bands were made. There will be a similar meeting every Wednesday at Maugus Hall, as long as there is need or until our funds are exhausted. All women accustomed to sewing are invited. Gifts of old linen and cotton are requested.

The Committee would like to answer some questions which have been asked, and will also try to answer future questions through these columns.

- 1. We do not know whether the war will soon be over or not, but we mean to perform our part toward that desirable end by doing all we can for the health of our soldiers.
- 2. The United States government is making commendable efforts in these lines, witness the "Solace" and the "Relief"—but we do not wish Massachusetts to be behindhand. Her citizens can and ought to care bountifully for her own men and have something over for volunteers from other states.
- 3. All the articles which the women are asked to make are such as either could not be bought or could only be bought for a much greater sum of money than the cost of material.
- 4. The Boston Committee does not provide material for any societies of women, except in a few cases in small towns where there are willing hands and thin pocketbooks.
- 5. No, we have not money enough, though we are glad to announce that we are out of debt with a balance on hand. In the autumn a full financial statement will be made. In the meantime we shall require much more than our present supply to enable us to do our share toward fitting out the new hospital ship.

The members of the Committee are: Mrs. W. O. Robson, Chairman. For Wellesley: Mrs. Edward A. Benner, Mrs. Albert Jennings, Mrs. Herbert A. Joslin; For the Hills and the Farms: Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, Mrs. John F. Edmunds, Mrs. Parris T. Farwell, Mrs. Edward Lawrence, Mrs. Joseph W. Peabody, Miss Mary C. Sawyer, Mrs. E. Herbert Whitney, Mrs. J. Franklin Wight. Mrs. Edmunds is Treasurer.

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Harry L. Peabody, 18th U. S. Infantry, sailed for Manila on the "Indiana," June 27

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THE ETHICS OF WAR

"Unless justly waged, war involves a people in the guilt of murder."—Chauning.

"Still, I may be asked whether a people, however forbearing, may not sometimes owe it to its own dignity and safety to engage in war? I answer, Yes. When the spirit of justice, hummity and forbearance, instead of spreading peace, provokes fresh outrage, this outrage must be met and repressed by force." -Channing.

"The professional philanthropist, in his denunciation of war, sometimes . . unites all wars in the one class of butchery and murder. This folly and falsehood prevent the truth he has from being recognized. War for ambition's sake is the sum of all crimes; war for passion's sake is only animal ferocity. But there are ether wars than these, and they have been among the most beneficent events of human history."-Prof. B. P. Bowne.

"Nothing can well be further from the sentiment of Scripture than the extreme horror of force, as a penal and disciplinary instrument, which is inculcated in modern times. . . The reverence for human life is carried to an immoral idolatry when it is held more sacred than justice and right, and when the spectacle of blood becomes more horrible than the sight of deselating tyrannies and triumphant hypocrisies."-James Martineau.

"The doctrine of Burke is now the real doctrine of Christian states: That wars are not massacres or confusions, but the highest trials of right; that the blood of man should never be shed but to redeem the blood of man. It is well shed for our family, for our friends, for our God, for our country, for our kind. The rest is vanity; the rest is crime."—Dr. R. S. Storrs.

"Peace and war are noble or ignoble according to their kind and occasion. . . . Peace may be sought in two ways. One way is as Gideon sought it, when he built his altar in Ophrah, naming it God send Pence,' yet sought this peace that he loved, as he was ordered to seek it, and the peace was sent in God's way: 'the country was in quietness for forty years in the days of Gideon.' And the other way of śceking peace is as Menahem sought it when he gave the king of Assyria a thousand talents of silver. That is, you may either win your peace or buy it. Win it, by resistance to evil; - buy it, by compromise with evil. You may buy your peace with silenced consciences, . . buy it with the cry of the captive and the silence of lost souls, while you sit smiling at your serene hearths, lisping comfortable prayers evening and morning. . . No peace was ever won from fate by subterfuge or agreement. For many a

year to come the sword of every righteous nation must be whetted to save or subdue; nor will it be by patience of others' suffering, but by the offering of your own, that you will ever draw nearer to the time when the great change shall pass upon the iron of the earth, when men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; neither shall there be war any more."—John Ruskin.

"Much stress is being laid nowadays upon General Sherman's apothegm that 'War is hell.' It must not be overlooked that he also said: 'In the providence of God there is a time for all things; a time when the sword may cut the Gordian knot and set free the principles of right and justice bound up in the meshes of hatred, revenge and tyranny'." - Congregationalist.

ITEMS FROM THE WELLESLEY **CHURCHES**

St. Andrew's Church

REV. W. E. HAYES is now in England, where he will spend the greater part of July and August.

VISITING CLERGYMEN. During July, services will be conducted by Rev. Robert LeB. Lynch, of Brighton; during August, by Rev. Frederick C. Lauderburn, minister of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Pa.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. An enjoyable graphophone party, at the home of the Misses Hayes, Monday evening, June 6, closed the 1897-98 season of the Girls' Friendly Society. Regular meetings of the Branch are expected to be resumed early in October. On Saturday, June 18, at a preliminary session, in Trinity Parish Room, Boston, of the committee to arrange for the general State conference for G. F. S. members and associates, it was virtually decided to hold this conference in St. Paul's Church, Boston, Friday evening, December 2, and to take up the subjects: "Money; How to Make, Spend and Save It," and "Patriotism," with several subdivisions. The writers and speakers upon these subjects will be announced later. Several weeks ago, arrangements were made for a large party of members and associates from various branches in the State, to visit the G. F. S. "Holiday House," at Milford, Mass. This house will be open for the summer season, on July 1st.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

THE COMMUNION SERVICE will be observed next Sunday, July 3, at the hour for morning worship.

REV. A. B. VORSE and Mrs. Vorse will leave early in July for Lewisburg, Pa., Mr. Vorse's old home, where they will probably spend July and August.

VACATION. After the first Sunday of July occurs the interval for closing this church for the summer. Services will be resumed on the first Sunday of September.

CONFERENCE. The meeting of the South Middlesex Conference was held, as announced in a former issue of OUR TOWN. The attendance was large, and an interesting session of the Conference was enjoyed.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL held a floral service on the 19th of June, in connection with the usual morning service. The sessions of the school for the year closed with this service, and will be resumed on the first Sunday of September.

Wellesley Congregational Church

VOLUNTEER AID. Two barrels of magazines and illustrated periodicals have been collected in this parish and sent to the camps and the warships.

MR. SAUL SEAGRAVE, who died in Wellesley on June 19, at the age of 88 years, was one of the first Massachusetts citizens to favor the abolition of slavery.

SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY. Rev. Lawrence Phelps, Secretary of the Seaman's Friend Society, addressed the Christian Endeavor meeting on Sunday, June 26.

REV. HARVEY NEWCOMB. The Pastor would like information concerning the descendants of Mr. Newcomb, Pastor of this church from 1842 to 1846. His portrait is desired for publication in the Centennial Book.

REV. E. H. CHANDLER and family will leave on July 19 for Isle au Haut, Maine, to stay until August 12. Mr. Chandler will preach at the United Church, New Haven, on July 17; in Wellesley, July 31; and at the South Church, Salem. August 14; returning to Wellesley August 15.

AN EXPERIMENT is to be tried in the Sunday School during the next two months. Owing to the absence of teachers, classes are ordinarily much broken up, and lesson courses interfered with. One class will therefore be made of all teachers and scholars in the main school, and some one person will have charge each Sunday. Ten of the chief parables of Jesus have been selected to be studied in order. The Pastor will be the teacher for July 3 and 10. All members of the main school are invited to attend regularly. The Bible class, primary and kindergarten departments will continue as before.

SUMMER SERVICES. Arrangements have been made for the supply of the pulpit during the Pastor's absence as follows: July 17, Rev. S. V. Cole, D. D., President of Wheaton Seminary, Norton, Mass.; July 24, Rev. Sydney Strong, of Oak Park, Ill.; August 7, Rev. George P. Knap 3, formerly missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Bitlis, Turkey, now Secretary of the National Armenian Relief Committee; August 14, the Rev. Thomas Clayton, of Binghampton, N. Y. The Sunday evening Christian Endeavor meetings will be continued through the summer at 6.15 o'clock. On the four Sunday evenings of July 10 and 24, Aug. 7 and 21, there will also be a preaching service in the Chapel at 7 o'clock. On the other Sunday evenings the preaching service will be omitted.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES will be in charge of the Young People's Society during the months of July and August, and the topics will be those regularly assigned for the Society of Christian Endeavor.

QUARTERLY C. E. CONFERENCE. The Executive Committee of the Middlesex Christian Endeavor Union has voted to accept the invitation of the Wellesley Hills Society and hold its next quarterly conference here in September, probably on Labor Day.

St. Mary's Church

THE ALTAR CHAPTER would be very grateful for contributions from the parishioners for its needed work. It provides flowers for the Sunday services, when they are not given, and also keeps the vestments and altar linen clean and in repair. The members of the Altar Chapter are: Mrs. W. C. Norcross, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Pronk, Mrs. Curtis, Miss Sarah A. Jordan, Miss Susan Pulcifer, Miss Eva Wiswall and Mrs. S. W. Clifford.

ST. MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will not hold its sessions during the months of July and August.

BICYCLE RIDERS. A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all bicycle tourists to attend the Church services on Sunday. The Church is very near the corner of Washington and Concord streets. Wheels may be cared for at the Parish House adjoining. The morning service is at 10.45. The afternoon service is at 4.30. Ushers at the church will be glad to welcome strangers and to show them sittings.

THE CHOIR will not sing at the afternoon service during July and August.

SUMMER CHURCH ATTENDANCE. The godly members of St. Mary's are admonished not to forsake the assembling of themselves together, "as the manner of some is," during the warm weather. The Church is not warmer than most houses are, and at times it may be cooler. Worship is not to be gauged by climatic conditions. We are to honor God in worship as faithfully in hot weather as in cool. If you cannot attend the services, be mindful that the expenses go on just as in winter, and that your contributions are always needed.

VACATION AT HOME. During the summer the Rector of St. Mary's anticipates a delightful sojourn among the pines on the banks of the classic "Charles." The "purling stream" around "Pine Grove" was never more beautiful. Here summer is refulgent. Here it is luxury to draw the breath of life. Here are shady nooks and quiet walks. The woods are full of birds; and the air sweet with the breath of the flowers and the odor of the pines. How wide, how rich, how full of glory is Nature's domain to the lover of Nature! What secrets are revealed to the reflective mind! What over-powering beauty charms the soul amid the solitudes of Nature! In field and stream, in earth and sea and sky, in forest and meadow, one finds abundant resources for rest and recreation. A person whose home is in the country has no cause for repining in these resourceful days. Some people remain at home because compelled to. Others do so from preference. Many people who get wisdom by experience have found that in hot weather "there is no place like home." Shutting oneself up in a hotel in the mountains, or at the shore resort for several weeks proves to be a "delusion," if not a "snare" very often. The secret of a happy and helpful vacation, whether spent at home or abroad, will be found in the cultivation of the power of repose. Live quietly and simply, be temperate in eating and drinking. Avoid as much as possible worry and excitement. Be cheerful and industrious, and if blessed with food and raiment "let us therewith be content."

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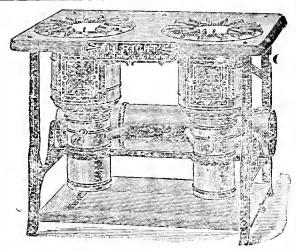
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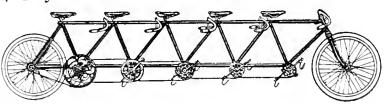
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Oh! charméd, charméd Isle au Haut, Where the salt breezes, freshening blow! Salt, did we say? Yes, salt, but still Most rarely sweet; for on the hill The spruce and fir together stand, And gay wild roses flood the land. We note the breath of fragrant bay, And sweet-fern borders all the way. The cow-bell sounds from pastures green, The bleating sheep are heard and seen; And often, when the tide is low, We hear the voice of grandsire crow, Feasting on mussel-beds left dry, Till flooding waves shall make him fly. Dear, dainty birds are on the wing, And all the isle may hear them sing! High, high aloft, on pinions strong, The eagle soars, and all along The rocky shore the graceful gulls Are found. The ocean music lulls Us when we want to rest and sleep, While guarding rocks their sentries keep. Now and again the white fog rolls; Hides sea and shore and rocks and shoals, And shuts us in; — we stand alone, And all the world that we have known Is blotted out. Then we may turn To Him who made the world, and learn His lessons. We may meditate, And stronger grow, the while we wait. And as the sea-cloud rolls away, Disclosing open sea and bay, And neighbor's cot, and grass and trees. With clearer eyes we look at these. Emerging from the Holy Place We meet the world with better grace. The great, wide sea enfolds our isle, Embraces it; and all the while We may the better learn to know How God enfolds his children so, Surrounding them on every side Like this deep, strong, encircling tide. And thus we learn to rest and grow On thy good soil, fair Isle au Haut!

EMELYN D. CHANDLER.

WING to the infrequency of centennial celebrations and the interest taken by the town in the dignified age of the Wellesley Congregational Church, which becomes one hundred years old on the 6th of September, the next number of this paper will be given up largely to the history of this church. On the 2nd and 3rd of October a formal celebration will be held which is planned to be of interest to all Wellesley citizens. A detailed program will be published next month.

A LETTER FROM ENGLAND

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

My Dear Friends:—I have joined the great army of tramps and mean to tell you in this letter of a tramp from Warwick to Kenilworth and return.

The day was cloudy and cold, an east wind was blowing just as disagreeable in Old as it is in New England. Not a bad day, however, for a walk, as the exercise kept me warm.

Failing to ask the right road to take, I went a mile further than I needed, but was glad that I did, as it took me around the beautiful estate called "The Priory." Along a lane shaded by "The Priory" elms, a deaf old man walked with me part of the way and told me the names of the laburnum and the pink may, handsome flowering bushes common everywhere in this section. Passing a school-house, I heard the children singing "Glorious things of Thee are spoken," a good marching tune that ran in my head as I walked. It seemed very appropriate, for glorious things have been spoken of Warwickshire and I find them all true.

Words fail me to describe the beautiful landscape spread out on all sides between Warwick and Kenilworth. Great stretches of rolling meads, yellow with buttercups, divided by hedges, huxurious forests in the distance, stone walls topped with green by one's side, and a smooth, hard road under one's feet—such are some of the features that make walking in England a perpetual delight.

About half-way, I passed through the quaint little village of Leek Woolton, containing only thirty houses, a perfect picture for an artist, with ivy and morning-glory running over its walls, its half-timber, thatch-roofed cottages with dormer windows, and its stern church in the centre of an old graveyard. Two houses opposite each other were especially pretty; one, covered with vines up to the roof, and laburnum, woodflower and pink may on either side of the door; the other, with a trim, little old-fashioned garden with a rose-bush climbing over the windows.

Leek Woolton was left in two minutes, and then the open country again until the first houses of Kenilworth appeared. Traversing a long street, with old houses side by side with new ones, and turning off through a characteristic English lane, bordered on both sides by stone walls topped with bushes, I soon came to the famous ruins of Kenilworth Castle. At the gate, a woman selling strawberries and guide-books insisted on my buying. When I declined, she offered to rent me a book for a penny and I yielded. But the guide-book was useless; I could not stop to read the long historical description, and I could not identify the different parts of the building from the plan; I gave it up and simply walked around.

It was a satisfaction, of course, to see the place where the Earl of Leicester entertained Queen Elizabeth and where she discovered Amy Robsart, but having said that, there is little left. Kenilworth never was beautiful, always a grim, forbidding fortress, The gray day is especially suited to it, a memorial of troublous days long since past. It is picturesque with the vines climbing over its walls, and the green sward surrounding it made a fine setting. Were it not for Sir Walter Scott's novel, I doubt if any of us would have cared very much about it. How romance does make captives of us all!

An American from Grand Rapids, Michigan, who was "doing" England, opened conversation with me and soon became confidential, telling me what he paid for his passage, his lodgings, his meals, etc. It seems to be a habit with some Americans to be absorbed with the question of money wherever they are.

When I went to the hotel for luncheon, I sat at the table with an interesting gentleman from the south of England, who is travelling through the country on his bicycle. We got to talking about England's foreign policy, especially in reference to China, and we both agreed that, in spite of her faults, England had done wonders for civilization wherever she had established

herself.

Walking back to Warwick, I sat down on a bench just outside of Kenilworth and chatted with an old lame man. He told me he had been knocked down by a horse fourteen years ago and had been a year in Leamington Hospital. He had been a bricklayer and carrier of coals in his day, had a number of children all married and moved away. He and his wife lived in an old cottage, which the Board of Health wanted to tear down, "a shame," said he, "to turn poor folk out of their home." He seemed to have no conception of time. When I spoke of Kenilworth Castle as a very ancient building, "Oh yes," said he, "a hunderd year ole." I explained to him that his own father went back as far as that. To which he replied: "I am no scollard, but my wife she can read and write. T'other day she was readin' abaout Queen Bess and how she came to Kenilworth." He told me the parish was supporting him, but only gave him half a crown a week. When he arose to go, I put a threepence in his hand for which he was as thankful as if it had been a crown.

The rest of my journey was without event, except a few moment's stop to see Grey's Cliffe, a romantic Elizabethan manor like the kind described in English novels. I reached Warwick about four, very tired, but well repaid for my walk.

Faithfully yours,

W. E. HAYES.

COD FISHING

THERE is nothing special about a codfish as ordinarily known to arouse any one's enthusiasm. As an article of food I have always regarded cod very much as you think of a depot doughnut—to be taken as filling when nothing else is available. But a live codfish caught in the deep sea and just coming over the edge of your sail-boat, after having been pulled through a dozen fathoms of water, is the most interesting creature imaginable. It is amazing how beautiful to the eyes this formerly ignored fish becomes, as he lies on the deck as the result of your angling.

It is well enough for the expert fly caster, with his elegant rod and reel, to tell of the gamey tarpon and the sly trout. But let no one suppose that such refinements of the art of angling can ever east into shadow the less

brilliant sport of ecd fishing. It is not such a tame sport after all. If any landlubber thinks it unworthy of his intellect and attention, let him take the earliest opportunity to find a skipper who will show him a thing or

First, there are clams to dig in the flats at row tide, for your knowing codfish is as fond of clam broth as the veriest epicure. It is remarkable how much larger clams your skipper will dig than you will out of the same mud!

At sunrise you are off for the fishing grounds. Up goes the mainsail, and in the morning breeze your spirits rise as you face the open sea. But there is no time to waste. Those clams must be opened, and no small skill is needed. Watch your skipper keep a clam shell in the air all the time, so fast does his knife pry into the tight-shut lids and evict the tenant, and toss his home overboard. Then there are the lines to make ready. I had never supposed that there was anything complicated about the anatomy of a fish-line. But here I learned that a cod line consisted of line and sinker and "horse" and "snoods" and "gaingings" with two big hooks dangling at the end.

Now for the right spot where the fish are! But how shall you find it? The skipper smiles at your suggestion that it isn't as easy to find a particular point on a wide expanse of rippling waves as on the solid earth. get it by the 'ranges,'" he says, and you soon discover that his brain is full of the "ranges" of every portion of the waters for miles. "I guess we'll stop first on the 'meeting-house shoal'." "And what are the ranges for that?" you ask. "Kimball's Rock over the Ram and the meeting-house steeple by Kimball's Island." By which you learn that to the north a rock which rises abruptly from the sea has been brought in range of a ledge several miles beyond, and to the east the steeple of a church on a large island is just visible by the southern end of a nearer island.

Round comes the boat into the wind. jibs are dropped. Out go the cod lines over the edge of the boat. Down go the sinkers full fifty feet into the rocky bottom. Pull them up again a few feet, so that the hooks, each baited with four or five clams, hang free. Now watch for a bite. What! one already? This gets exciting. Next time you teel a pull on your line, jerk it a little so as to hook your fish, and begin to haul in.

Have you got one? Now haul in quickly but steadily. Up he comes. Now over with him into the boat. He's a good one. Five pounds, I guess. Throw him into the bar-

rel and get your hooks out again.

Who says this is not good sport! What if you do saw your fingers with the lines until they are blistered! What does it matter if you pull in sea water along with the line until your trousers are soaked through and you stand in a pool an inch deep. Next time you'll wear rubber boots and a waterproof apron and your hands will be tougher. Oh! for one of the big fellows! While you wish it there is a vicious tug on your hook. He's a good one. Haul in steadily. Pulls, doesn't he? Now look out! There he is. My, but he's worth getting! Steady now. Be careful. There, you've lost him. Too bad. Why is it that the biggest fish you catch always get away just as you get them in sight?

So the day wears on. Thirty-seven fish is the catch, and two are big ones. It was sport to get those. Just a pair. They must be nearly three feet long. The two who caught them eagerly looked forward to the chance of using the steelyards and deciding

which is the prize.

Back comes the sailboat into the harbor. You find that fishing sharpens the appetite, and makes the home-coming keenly relished. Here we are at the landing. Now for the scales. One of the two big fellows weighs eighteen and the other nineteen pounds. Λ pretty good pair, sure enough. After all, cod fishing on a fair day, on the right fishing grounds, is pretty good sport!

EDWARD H. CHANDLER.

VOLUNTEER AID

NE who worked with us last week for the first time said: "Now that I have been at the hall and seen the work going on and felt the enthusiasm, I think that I must come every Wednesday." These allday sewing meetings will continue each week until further notice. It is hoped that a special effort will be made to attend them in August when so many of the workers are away.

The Committee are in constant communication with the officers of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association. Not a single article is made which is not called for by the

regimental surgeons or those in charge of the "Bay State." All the material is carefully selected according to the advice of these surgeons. We hope the people of Wellesley will remain unmoved by any jeers they may find in the papers about regiments who go into action clad in six suits of pajamas per man.

From forty to fifty women meet each week to sew and many take work home. Plenty of work can be had on application to any member of the Committee, the list of whom was published in the July number of Our Town. The faithful workers are glad indeed "to see the dawn of peace," but they are not sanguine as to an immediate daybreak and wish to remind their generous friends that even definite peace with Spain may not at once release our army and navy from active service. It is justly a matter of pride that our State work has broadened so that though it is "Massachusetts men first," there are many comforts for soldiers and sailors from other states.

Each week we have the help of a band of young girls as baste-pullers. On July 19, Nicholas Smith and Gertrude Balch held a lawn party for the benefit of our work. A part of the proceeds was used to start an ice-fund for the Fifth Regiment. Ten dollars more were taken from our treasury, Mrs. Albert Clarke added five, and the Congregational Christian Endeavor Society gave seven. In all twenty-five dollars were raised for that purpose.

Besides the many contributions in money, which the Treasurer will report in the

autumn, we are indebted to:

Mr. Lawrence for 2 pieces cotton cloth.

Mr. Selfe " 1 piece flannel.
Mr. Abbott " 100 yards scrim.
Mrs. Swift " 9 " flannel.

Bigelow & Dowse for 2 doz. prs. scissors.

Mr. Overholser " 1 box miscellaneous surgical supplies.

The following is a summary of the work completed to date:

351 abdominal bands. 83 mosquito canopies.

48 hospital shirts, laundered.

35 suits of pajamas. 12 comfort bags.

6 dozen handkerchiefs, laundered.

3 dozen towels.

300 rolled surgical bandages.

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The response to our appeals has been both

generous and prompt. The Committee take pleasure in serving such cheerful givers and willing workers.

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BEAUTY IN THE HOME

THE Twentieth Century Club of Boston, established "to promote a finer public spirit and a better social order," has issued a series of leaflets giving most valuable suggestions concerning beauty in the home. These suggestions deserve the widest circulation. We propose to reprint them in part, and are confident that our readers will welcome the contributions they make to a more graceful and therefore more inspiring home life.

THE EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF THE HOUSE.

The following laws of construction apply to all composition of forms and colors, from a cathedral to a bonnet: arrange elements with relation to their use and position; give prominence to features in proportion to their importance. The principles of arrangement and variation should be based on the laws of color and form. Let there be a distinct reason for each decision and a constant avoidance of pretence and imitation.

"The great object of composition being always to secure unity, that is, to make out of many things one whole, the first mode in which this can be effected is by determining that *one* feature shall be more important than all the rest, and that the others shall group with it in subordinate positions."—Ruskin.

The tower of Trinity Church dominates the whole edifice and illustrates this principle. The rear of the new part of the State House, with its three different materials and three different colors used in about equal proportions, violates it.

This same principle must be observed in arranging the proportions of a frieze and dado to the rest of an

interior wall surface.

In deciding on the colors of walls and wood-work, consider whether the room has much or little sunlight. Floors and walls should harmonize, and both be treated as backgrounds for people, pictures and furniture. Avoid the large, pronounced figures that are now so fashionable. Intricate patterns, small figures, or plain surfaces, like cartridge paper, are alone suitable for backgrounds.

Mouldings should be few, and flat rather than in relief. Wood carvings should be sparingly used, as they catch dust. Mosaics and inlaid work may produce equally beautiful effects, and entail no labor.

Many of the most popular of the French designs, while showing elegance in execution, are inferior to the best English designs.

Beauty in the exterior of a house is seen by countless thousands, and is a public benefaction. Luxurious furnishings of the interior gratify but few, and tend to selfish indulgence. Permanent forms of beauty, like arched windows and stone carving, cost no more than many things that moth and rust corrupt, and that tempt thieves to break in and steal.

Brilliant colors must be used sparingly. The color of a building must always be suited to its environment. A yellow brick building between Trinity Church and the Art Museum would greatly injure the effect of both. A cottage may be more highly colored than a cathedral, a large municipal building, or a great warehouse. An isolated country house may have brighter color than one in a village. The color must harmonize with the winter as well as with the summer landscape.

While our suburban houses are usually convenient, comfortable, and often beautiful in detail, their general effect is, as a rule, worse than that of city houses. Two different kinds of stone or brick with wood and plaster are not infrequently combined in one dwelling. Oddities and excrescences of every kind mar the outlines. Forms that were suited to a fourteenth century palace, or castle, or cottage, are reduced or enlarged in size, and placed indiscriminately on a modern ten-thousand-dollar dwelling-house. These abnormal structures are admired by their owners as showing "individual taste," and not as being "monotonous." To the person of refined taste, who loves simplicity, sincerity and harmony, the sight of such buildings is even more painful than a discord to a musician. If music is bad, we may rejoice that it will soon cease; if a statue or picture is poor, we may remove it or refuse to look at it; if a poem is dull, we need not read it more than once; but if our neighbor's house is an offence, we cannot avoid it. The sight of it is a daily vexation.

No more dignified, beautiful dwellings can be found than some of the simple, Colonial residences built in our New England towns about the beginning of the century. They were of one material, one color, and were fitted for their environment.

"You perhaps fancied that architectural beauty was a very costly thing. Far from it. It is architectural ugliness that is costly. . . . Decoration is immoderately expensive because it is wrongly placed and wrongly finished." . . "Well, but you will say, how can we decide what we ought to buy but by our likings? You would not have us buy what we don't like? No, but I would have you thoroughly sure that there is an absolute right and wrong in all art, and try to find out the right and like that."—Ruskin.

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ITEMS FROM THE WELLESLEY CHURCHES

Wellesley Congregational Church

ROLL OF CHURCH MEMBERS. In connection with the Centennial an accurate roll of the members of the church from the beginning has been prepared. The whole number is 825, of whom 205 have been added within ten years.

AUGUST PREACHERS. On August 7th, Rev. George P. Knapp, formerly missionary of the American Board in Bitlis, Turkey, now Secretary of the National Armenian Relief Fund, will preach morning and evening. The following Sunday Rev. Thomas Clayton of Binghampton, N. Y., will preach in the morning. The Pastor will return to Wellesley on August 15.

SEPTEMBER COMMUNION. Sunday, the 4th of September, will be the last Sunday of the century of the church's organized existence. A special communion service will be held in the afternoon. All who desire to unite with the Church on that day are requested to be present at the meeting of the Church Committee, after the prayer meeting, on Friday evening, August 19.

St. Mary's Church

AFTERNOON SERVICE. There will be no afternoon service during August and until the second Sunday in September.

CHOIR BOYS' CAMP. The Choir Boys will go into camp for a week or ten days about the first of August. They will be in charge of Mr. Bachelderl the Choir Master, and Mr. F. G. Morse. The Rector also expects to be a visitor at the camp.

St. Andrew's Church

THE RECTOR will return from his trip to England before the end of August.

REV. FREDERICK C. LAUDERBURN, minister of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Pa., will be the preacher during August.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

COMMUNION SERVICE will be postponed to the second Sunday in September. There will be a meeting of the Church Committee on Friday evening, Sept. 2d, after the prayer meeting. Those who wish to unite with the Church are invited to meet the Committee at that time.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY will entertain the quarterly conference of Christian Endeavor Societies on Wednesday, Sept. 21st. A good program is in preparation. As a large gathering is expected, we invite the assistance of all our people to provide for their entertainment.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Leaders for the month of August areas follows: 7th, Mr. Fuller; 14th, Mr. Richardson; 21st, Dr. Sanborn; 28th, Mr. Thomas. Topics: Those of the Y. P. S. C. E.

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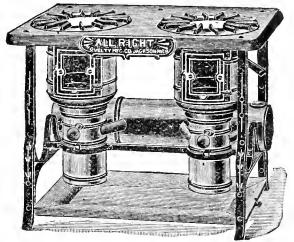
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THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE WELLESLEY CONGRE-GATIONAL CHURCH

N the sixth of September the Wellesley Congregational Church will complete a hundred years of life. As will be seen by the historical record, a meeting-house was built in what was soon set apart as the "West Precinct" of Needham as early as 1774, but on account of the war and the slow increase of population it was not possible for the people of this community to settle a minister or even to put pews in their meeting-house for about twenty-four years. In 1798 the situation had changed for the better, and, according to Congregational usage, a church was formally constituted by a council called for the purpose.

The history has been an eventful one, not so much for incidents of wide-spread renown as for the quiet and continuous efforts of successive generations of faithful men and women who gave the Church their best life. There have been difficulties financial and There have been times when debt stared every one in the face; and other times when discord threatened to wreck the organ-But debts have been lifted and discords have been harmonized, and today the old church is young again with the new life which has entered into it and the new day in which it lives.

So it is with considerable honest pride that the Pastor and congregation of this Church invite their sister churches and their fellow townspeople to unite with them on the second and third of October in a fitting recognition of the century which is past.

The program at present proposed is somewhat as follows:

Sunday, 10.30 A. M. Commemorative service, with historical sermon by the Pastor.

3.30 р. м. Service by and for the young people, with special music.

7.30 г. м. Union service of all the Wellesley churches with addresses by their pastors and the ex-pastors of this church.

Monday, 3.30 r. m. Centennial oration by Dr. William H. Ward of New York City, editor of the New York "Independent." Subject: "The Influence of the Church in the Making of New England."

6 г. м. Centennial banquet in Town Hall. Speeches are expected from representatives of the State, the town, the churches, the College, the denomination and other speakers.

Details will be announced in our next issue. In the meanwhile all the inhabitants of Wellesley are cordially invited to share in the fellowship and good-will of the occasion.

THE RECORD OF A CENTURY

- November 15. Needham set off from Dedham and incorporated as a town. About forty-five families.
- 1720.March 20. First church in Needham Twenty male members. organized. Rev. Jonathan Townsend, pastor.
- October 17. Needham meeting-1773.house burned.
- August 3. New meeting-house raised 1774. on the old site.
 - June 23.—Original agreement of the inhabitants of the west part of Needham to build a meeting-house for themselves. Signed by 83 persons.
- July 6. "West Precinct" of Needham organized in accordance with an act of the Legislature.
- Eighteen Natick fami-October 9. lies annex themselves to the West Parish of Needham, by exchange of land between Needham and Natick.
- September 6, Thursday. Organiza-1798.tion of the Congregational Church of West Needham. Ten members seven men and three women. Sermons by Rev. Jonathan Homer of Newton and Rev. Benjamin Caryl of Dover. First covenant adopted.

December 25. A call extended to Mr. Jonathan Whitaker. \$600 for settlement; 100£ and 12 cords of wood, salary. [Mr. Whitaker declined.]

1799. July 10. First pastor. Mr. Thomas Noyes ordained and installed.

mon by Rev. Moses Adams of Acton.

August 16. Joseph Daniel and William Biglow chosen deacons.

August 24. First form of admission of members adopted.

September 27. "Half-way covenant" adopted.

- 1801. January 19. First petition to the Legislature from West Needham for incorporation as a town.
- 1804. November 26. Final sale of pews. Total proceeds to date, \$2,490.40.
- 1805. May 17. Asa Kingsbury chosen deacon.

July 13. Pulpit Bible presented to the Church by Mrs. Sarah Badger, of Natick.

November 25. A hearse purchased.

- 1806. May 20. Meetings for the study of the Bible established.
- 1807. March 30. A singing school established.
- 1809. Tomb built in rear of the Church by Mrs. Sarah Badger. Bequeathed afterward to the Rev. Thomas Noves.
- 1812. May 22. Voted to introduce the "fourth book of hymns" compiled by the Rev. Stephen Palmer of Needham.

 September 25. Hezekiah Fuller chosen deacon.
- 1819. Unusual religious awakening, especially among the young people.
- 1822. November 27. Trial of "Badger will case," before the Supreme Court.
- 1824. November 22. Voted to buy a stove.
- 1828. January 30. First temperance meeting.

February 21. Second form of admission adopted, with creed and covenant.

March 26. Voted "to take the Sabbath School under the patronage of the Church."

First manual printed.

1833. July 9. Rev. Thomas Noyes dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of thirty-four years, 148: of these, 18 came by letter and 130 by profession.

July 31. The "Church Psalmody" introduced.

Received legacy from widow Persis Ware of \$190.79 for the purchase of

communion plate.

October 2. Second pastor. Mr. Joseph Sessions ordained and installed. Sermon by Rev. Mr. Badger of Andover.

- 1834. March 24. Voted to build a new meeting-house.
- 1835. January 1. Dedication of second meeting-house. Sermon by Rev. G. W. Blagden.

January 15. Sale of pews in the meeting-house. Proceeds, \$1,320.50.

- 1838. December 26. Voted to procure a bass viol.
- 1842. May 31. Rev. Joseph W. Sessions dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of nearly nine years, 72: of these, 5 came by letter and 67 by profession.

October 6. Third pastor. Mr. Harvey Newcomb ordained and installed. Sermon by Rev. Sewall Harding, of Medway.

December 7. First plan of benevolences adopted.

- 1843. January 18. Westminster Assembly's Shorter Catechism introduced into the Sunday School.
- 1845. April 23. Third service on the Sabbath dropped.
- 1846. July 1. Rev. Harvey Newcomb dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of nearly four years, 16: of these, 10 came by letter and 6 by profession.
- 1847. February 24. Twenty-eight members dismissed to form the Congregational Church at Grantville (now Wellesley Hills).

July 7. Fourth pastor. Rev. Andrew Bigelow installed. Sermon by Rev. E. N. Kirk of Mt. Vernon Church, Boston.

- 1848. February 24, Thursday. Observed as a day of fasting and prayer for colleges. First time.
- 1851. Communion service purchased with the Ware legacy (See 1833).
- 1853. February 2. Rev. A. Bigelow dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of over six years, 19: of these 5 came by letter and 14 by pro-

fession.

Pulpit supplied by Rey. Dorus Clark.

1856. January 1. Fifth pastor. Rev. Abijan R. Baker begins service as pastor, without installation.

Betsey Brown legacy received. First organ purchased for \$650.

1857. First use of coal.

1859. Second manual printed, with creed and covenant somewhat revised.

1861. February 27. By-laws drafted and adopted by the West Precinct for the first time.

April 10. Voted to hire a "seraphine" for the choir.

Chose Daniel Morse deacon.

July 31. Rev. A. R. Baker terminates pastorate of seven years. Accessions, 35: of these, 13 came by letter and 22 on profession.

- 1861—1867. During this period the Church was without a pastor, the pulpit being supplied for the greater part of the time by Rev. O. B. Bidwell, Rev. H. A. Dickinson, Rev. Moses Winch, Rev. H. D. Woodworth and Rev. Elijah Kellogg.
- 1864. December 19. Wellesley Congregational Society formed.
- 1865. January 23. West Precinct transferred all its property, except the Brown Fund, to the Society.
- 1866. December 24. A call extended to Rev. G. E. Freeman of Neponset. [Mr. Freeman declined.]
- 1868. January 23. Sixth pastor. Mr. G. G. Purps ordained and installed. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Wellman.

September 23. Voted to purchase "Songs of the Sanetuary."

1869. Furnace substituted for stoves.

Parsonage purchased.

April 26. Voted to build a new church. Building Committee appointed.

1870. April 26. Chose Whitman S. Winsor deacon.

1871. Land for new cemetery purchased.

Afternoon preaching service discontinued.

1872. May 14. Voted to purchase a new

organ for \$1,800.

July 11, 3 r. m. Dedication of the New Congregational Church, the third building. Sermon by Rev. G. G. Phipps.

1875. April 6. Responsive reading introduced. Books of Psalms purchased.

September 8. Wellesley College opened.

1876. April. A system of weekly offerings adopted.

1877. New land for a cemetery obtained by exchange of the land purchased in 1871. The new cemetery named "Woodlawn."

May. Wellesley Y. M. C. A. organized.

1878. April 1. Rev. G. G. Phipps dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of over ten years, 91: of these 46 came by letter and 45 on confession of faith.

1879. April 9. Seventh pastor. Rev. Perez D. Cowan installed. Sermon by Rev. George Harris.

1880. October 13. Voted to purchase "Spiritual Songs for Social Worship."

1881. February 23. Standing rules adopted by the Church. [These are the first Church by-laws of which there is any record.]

April 6. West Needham incorporated as the town of Wellesley.

October. Church debt of \$7,500 raised by subscription.

1882. January. Young Christians' Circle organized.

May 22. Society voted to sell Woodlawn Cemetery.

1883. October 3. Weekly meeting changed from Wednesday to Friday.

1884. May 30. Third form of admission, creed and covenant adopted.

June 11. Ordination of George H. Burrill in the Church.

June 27. Revised by-laws adopted by the Church.

1885. April 20. Society voted to purchase one share in the General Theological Library.

Piano purchased. Third manual printed.

1886. July 24. Young Christians' Circle

changed to Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

1887. Gallery built and furnished.

April 29. Voted to adopt "Laudes Domini" for use in the Church.

1888. March 23. Six months' vacation granted to Mr. Cowan.

1889. February 15. Bequest of \$750 received from George Smith for Sunday School gifts.

1890. February 6—10. Religious services held in the Church by Rev. B. Fay Mills and Mr. L. B. Greenwood.

June 30. Rev. P. D. Cowan dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of over eleven years, 210: of these 82 came by letter and 128 on confession of faith.

October 10. Number of deacons increased from two to four.

December 1. Pastor's salary increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000, without parsonage.

New organ purchased for \$3,000.

1891. January. Dr. Eldridge Mix began service as acting pastor.

February 6. Church organized into a corporation. New by-laws.

February 27. Society turned over its property to the Church and dissolved.

1892. February 4. Bishop Phillips Brooks conducted a confirmation service of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in the Congregational Church.

March. Parsonage sold.

April 29. Act of the Legislature permitting the removal of graves from a portion of the cemetery, and the use of the Brown Fund to pay the expense of the same.

June 1. Close of Dr. Mix's service as acting pastor. Added during his term of service: by letter, 19; on confession of faith, 9; total, 28.

December 13. Eighth pastor. Rev. Lewis W. Hicks installed. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Cooper, D. D., of New Britain, Conn.

1893. April 14. New by-laws adopted.

1894. February. Purchased "Laudes Domini for the Prayer Meeting." Lecture course conducted.

Offertory Calendars introduced.

1895. Nov. 15. Voted to build an extension to the Church, containing parlor, class rooms, etc. Building Committee appointed.

1896. January 24. Term of office for deacons fixed at four years, one term to expire each year.

May 26. Rev. Lewis W. Hicks dismissed by council. Accessions during his pastorate of over three years, 64: of these 40 came by letter, and 24 on confession of faith.

1897. April 8. Ninth pastor. Rev. Enward H. Chandler installed. Sermon by Rev. George A. Gordon, D. D., of Boston.

September. Woman's Union organized.

October. New furnaces put into the Church.

1898. January. "Our Town" started.

THROUGH RHINE-LAND TO THE ALPS

EVERY one said: "Begin your Rhine journey at Bonn;" but we started from the earlier point, Cologne, to make the most of this wonderful river.

At the start there was only an outlook on low-lying country, with the tall Cologne Cathedral growing dimmer in the distance; then the Rhine banks gradually rose to definite heights,—the Seven Mountains, irregular, legend-crowned, forming the first notable feature beyond Bonn. Of these, most picturesque, and romantic, too, is "the east!'d crag of Drachenfels," for here lingers the story of Siegfried and the dragon, while just opposite is still standing one arch of the castle built by the gallant Roland. No wonder Germans love the legendary warmly: it lends itself so easily to their Rhine's castles and hills.

Opposite Coblenz, on the left, four hours' journey beyond Bonn, towers Ehrenbreitstein, "broad stone of honor," that splendid fortress, the Gibraltar of Germany, boasted impregnable, but taken by Napoleon's soldiers. On the right, at the meeting of the Moselle river with the Rhine, stands the

magnificent statue of Kaiser Wilhelm the Great—the old Emperor on horseback, looking down upon his Rheinish provinces, the figure of Germania by his side.

From Coblenz to Bingen, the Rhine journey is one series of glorious pictures, high, imposing hills, rich-looking vineyards, ruined castles, with snug-keeping villages at their feet, and the river winding always.

There were no nymphs singing as we passed the Lorelei. Material progress does not turn aside for romance, and this widesung rock is tunneled now for a railway; nor was the buried Niebelungen treasure found.

Just before we reached Bingen, —"fair Bingen on the Rhine,"—nearly a hundred peasant girls and women, evidently returning from some fête, came on the boat, and soon began to sing with clear, strong, generally sweet voices, the Rhine songs and "Volkslieder." It was charming—the softflowing river, the wonderful Rhme hills, the dimming daylight, the simple folk-singing all, combining, brought a warm feeling to one's heart.

Heidelburg is virtually of the Rhine country, for its river, the Neckar, joins the Rhme just below the city. The university and the castle need no description. There is a marvelous view from the top of Molkenkur, of the broad Rhine valley, and the Black Forest, where one can easily imagine the fairies dance even to this day. Half-way down the hill is the eastle, from which we could see

" - far off, the red-tiled hamlets shine And catch through slits of windows, here and there, Blue glimpses of the Rhine."

Between the Rhine and the Alps, a happy situation, lies Schaffhausen; and here are the Rhine Falls, green and white and glorious, all fresh from the snow-fields of the not faraway Alps, which lie in great solemn masses against the horizon.

If Schaffhausen is the door-way to the Alps, Lucerne is the key. Rigi and the long range lie close around us here, immovable, calm, restful. One thinks, reverently, "Oh all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him forever!"

EDITH A. SAWYER.

IN SALISBURY CATHEDRAL

S I walked from the station into the main street of Salisbury I noticed that the shops were gaily decorated with flags, and that bells of a neighboring church were ringing a clamorous peal. I inquired the reason and was told that the Cathedral was that afternoon to hold a thanksgiving service to commemorate the completion of the repairs to the tower. The fact that the town should put on galadress for an ecclesiastical festival shows how closely the interests of church and state are interwoven in England.

I had still a few hours to spare before the service, so I wandered about the Cathedral grounds admiring the graceful proportions and the exquisitely beautiful architecture of this famous building. Surrounded as it is by lovely smooth, green turf, dotted here and there by luxurious shade trees beyond which lie the homes of the Bishop, Dean and Canon, each with their gardens of roses and lilies, it makes a charming picture. Other cathedrals are grander and more venerable, but none have the daintiness and the delicacy of Salisbury. To approach it you feel as if you ought to be well dressed.

Long before the hour of service, crowds of people gathered at the doors. Those without tickets stood in line patiently waiting for admission. When the doors were finally thrown open, there was a great scramble for seats and in a few moments the huge have was filled, all except the seats reserved in front for distinguished guests. About three the procession of celebrities began; first, a brass band which accompanied the organ all through the service, then the mayors and magistrates of Balisbury and adjacent towns attended by chaplins and mace-bearers; next came 250 freemasons under the Earl of Radnor. All these were attired in their appropriate regalia, which in some cases were very ornate and curious. After an interval the vested choirs of the city and the diocesan clergy entered and took scats in the choir. All the clergy wore hoods of different colors representing their academic degrees. Another interval elapsed, after which the Bishop of the diocese, with the Cathedral body and choir, went to the west door to receive the Archbishop. The latter was attended by several bishops clad in flaming red robes, and each one preceded by

vergers, chaplains and staff-bearers. The Archbishop came last, his long robe having a train which was carried by two acolytes in red cassocks. During this interesting procession, the hymn "All people that on earth do dwell" was sung by the entire congregation with band and organ. The effect was quite uplifting as the music swelled and filled the vast interior and reverberated among the arches.

When the clergy were all placed the service was begun, regular even-song with most beautiful anthems. The sweet voices of the boys and the harmonies of the instruments soared aloft to the vaulted roof as if borne heavenward. The effect of cathedral music is always much better from the nave than from the choir. The distance softens and blends the tones in one rich concourse of sweet sounds.

The sermon by the Archbishop was almost impossible to catch distinctly, although he spoke very deliberately. I caught enough to realize that it was learned and dignified as befitted an archbishop. It was certainly not thrilling. It set forth, in an admirable way, however, the beauty of worship and the place of the church in the religious life.

Following the sermon a collection was taken, during which the congregation rose and sang a hymn, as they commonly do at offertories in England. The hymn was "O God our help in ages past," set to the tune of "St. Anne," which every one knew and sang with a will. After the offering a "Te Deum" was rendered by the choir, in which the organ played a fine accompaniment. Then with a special prayer of thanksgiving by the Bishop and the blessing by the Archbishop the service was concluded, and the procession filed out of the church in the same order as it came.

After the service I walked about the Cathedral, every part of which on this occasion was thrown open—an unusual privilege in cathedrals. The beautiful choir was garlanded with roses along the front of the choir stalls and over the top of the screen. At the back of the stalls were vases of lilies, whose sweet perfume mingled with that of the roses scenting the whole atmosphere. The choicest portion of the Cathedral is the Lady Chapel, with its elaborate reredos and embroidered altar cloth. The cloisters and chapter house are also beautiful. The general impression that one carries away from

Salisbury is expressed in the word "dainty." Built all at one time and of the same style of architecture there is a finish and harmony and grace about it that leaves nothing to be desired.

I was loth to leave Salisbury. It is a bright, tidy little town, a fit background for its gem of a cathedral. But as I had Winchester to visit and must be in Reading the day after, seven o'clock found me on my travels. I spent the night in Romney and left for Winchester the next morning.

W. E. HAYES.

BEAUTY IN THE HOME

HOUSEHOLD ART.

"As construction necessarily implies a purpose, utility must have the precedence of decoration"; e. g., an embroidered, white satin foot-stool that is too fine to use is bad; so, also, is a lamp or vase that is covered with porcelain flowers, which catch dust, are easily broken, and prick the hand in lifting it. A dozen plates at the World's Fair, which were adorned with exquisitely painted pictures, and were valued at \$2,000, were greatly admired by the public. But the trained decorator deplored the waste of time and skill that made them equally unsuitable as plates and as pictures. It is disgusting to put such plates to their proper use and smear landscapes or portraits with meat or pudding-sauce. It is almost equally unsatisfactory to use such tiny, fragile things for wall decoration. They are obviously useful things, so unsuitably treated as to be diverted from their primary purpose. It is painful to think of so much skill being expended on such perishable material. One long corridor in the palace of Fontainbleau is decorated with long rows of such plates; but only one who admires a display of skill and of expense more than of taste finds pleasure in them. A picture five inches in diameter on a wall over a hundred feet long is obviously misplaced. If pictures on porcelain are desired, let them be painted on a perfectly flat surface, and framed like other pictures, and of such size as to be visible across the room.

Put beauty where all can enjoy it. It is better to have blooming plants in the window, which a thousand passers-by may see, than to have bits of lace and finery laid away, to be seen by only a few on rare occasions.

Value nothing merely because of the time and labor spent upon it. A delicate handkerchief at the Centennial Exhibit was greatly admired because it had cost years of labor. On one side, a picture of the Kremlin of Moscow was embroidered in black, the stitches being so fine that they could not be seen on the reverse side of the thin fabric. As a handkerchief it was worthless; as a picture it was less valuable than a photograph. It was simply an example of a frightful waste of time and eyesight. A picture of the Coliseum made in human hair, which cost years of toil and left its maker blind, is another instance of folly that an admiring public encourages. Remember the life of the workman. Cut glass and certain kinds of lace can be made only at the cost of

the health or life of the worker. Encourage the production of what gives joy to the producer as welas to the consumer.

Intrinsic worth frequently bears no relation to market price. From ten to fifteen thousands of dollars are paid for grotesque, curious carvings in jade, which have little, if any, artistic merit, but have cost years of labor owing to the great hardness of the material:

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"Distinction between pictorial and ornamental art: The latter should not imitate nature, but should be based on a study of nature's laws. If the ornamentist seeks out the modes of development of vegetable growth, he will find that regularity and symmetry are the normal laws, while all that is irregular is accidental and extraneous."

The painter of pictures is generally a very poor decorator, unless he has made a special study of the above principle. Anything approaching pictorial art in textiles or wall papers, where a given unit is repeated at definite intervals, is always to be condemned, and generally in the decoration of pottery and furniture.

"As each material has its own mode of manipulation, and is wrought by separate and varied processes, design must be bad which applies indiscriminately the same constructive forms or ornamental treatments to materials differing in their nature and application." E. g., an arch made of stones may indicate strength; cut from wood, it will indicate weakness, as it cuts across the grain. Figures suitable for a flat surface may be bad when used in draperies. Ornamentation for metals that are wrought, or run in moulds, should differ from that suited to materials that can be carved.

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Realistic imitation is the last thing to be desired in decoration; e. g.: glass slippers as receptacles for flowers; match-boxes representing animals' heads, the top of which is to be removed when the box is opened; papier-mâché shoes for holding bonbons; yellow silk carrots for pin-cushions, etc. Much of the famous Palissy pottery is bad in design, despite its wonderful workmanship. Its realistic crabs, snakes and fishes, in colored relief, are odious when placed on plates and platters

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One element of beauty in household art is appropriateness. A vase of Greek shape is unsuitable for holding flowers. Plain white glass or delicate green vases do not clash with nature's coloring in flowers. These require a long neck for supporting stems and a bulbous base, not only for plenty of water but to prevent a top-heavy effect. A straight cylinder of the tight shade of green is admirable for large flowers.

In choosing a vase for its decorative effect, take care, above all, to have the shape good. Look critically at its curves and proportions. Condemn handles which look as if they were applied, and were not an integral part of the vase. A study of the ceramics in the Art Museum will cultivate a perception of form and train the eye.

Consider well the color of a vase. Shape and color are the main points to be secured in inexpensive

wares. Decoration is seldom good in cheap pottery.

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The arrangement of beautiful things is, of itself, a fine art. An exquisite bit of Venetian glass looks pale and attenuated beside a brilliant faïence, and Delft ware seems dull and heavy in proximity to a vase of Sèvres blue. Allow sufficient background.

When there are too many vases and ornaments, no article has space enough to give its full decorative value. The Japanese are our best teachers in this regard. Rejection is the final grace of culture. Put mere curiosities either in a museum or a closed eabinet. In general, keep mementoes and trophies out of sight. Wasp nests, flags, spinning-wheels, diplomas, alpine stocks, etc., should not appear in the general living rooms.

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Most Americans, rich and poor, overcrowd their homes with ornaments. Many a housekeeper spends as much time in a year in dusting tasteless bric-à-brac as would enable her to master Lübke's "History of Art." This autumn thousands of hours and millions of dollars will be spent in making, for charity fairs and Christmas gifts, endless dust-catchers and perishable things which will give little pleasure to the recipients. To spend the same amount of money and time in producing one-tenth as many things, provided that they were good and were of a durable character, would be far saner. A fifty-cent photograph of a good thing is a better Christmas present than an embroidered velvet cushion which is too fine to use.

Americans need to take to heart the old motto, "non multa, sed multum" (not many, but much).



Whatever we buy, we practically produce; for we create a market for it, and cause that kind of thing to be made. Consumers are chiefly responsible for whatever is tasteless, or vulgar, or useless in the market. Given a certain amount of money to spend on beauty, we have it in our power so to use it as to affect the ethical and economic as well as the æsthetic status of the community. We should not encourage foolish, wasteful labor on the plea that we are giving employment. The same number of people who are employed in making absurd concoctions of celluloid, chenille and plush, in painting flowers on candles, in making fussy lamp-shades, etc., could and would spend that same time and energy in producing what would adorn instead of disfigure a room, if the public demanded it. A member of a well-known Boston firm once said: "We make our money out of the people who come here and buy what they do not want."

Prefer the durable to the perishable. Good art in stained glass, brass or iron is more desirable in a home than equally good art in materials which sun or moths or careless handling will surely injure.







ITEMS FROM THE WELLESLEY CHURCHES

Wellesley Congregational Church

The benevolence of the Church for September, to be received on the 25th, will be for the National Fund for Ministerial Aid.

The Pastor would like to learn the addresses of Mrs. Matilda Rockwood (formerly Mrs. W. A. Kimball), Mrs. Emma G. Smith (formerly Mrs. J. U. Parsons), and Mr. James Allen.

A special commemorative service, to mark the closing Sunday of the Church's first century, will be held on the 4th of September, at 3.30 o'clock. At the morning service of the same day the Pastor will preach a biographical sermon on the pastors of the Church.

On the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month services will be held in the Chapel, in the Swedish language, conducted by Rev. Axel Hedlund of Ashland. All the Swedes in the town are cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. Ezekiel Peabody, who died on August 24th, had been a member of the Church for fifty years, lacking five months. It speaks well for the longevity of the church members and the healthfulness of the place that there should be as many as twelve members still living whose connection with the church has continued for more than fifty years.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

Communion service will be held on the morning of Sept. 11. Preparatory service on Friday the 9th.

The Junior Endeavor Society will meet on the third Sunday of September to begin their year's work. Miss Isabelle Fiske is to be the superintendent.

Sunday evening services at 7 P. M. Topics Sept. 4: "Repentance and Conversion. What are They?" Sept. 11: "Self Indulgence or Self Denial?" Sept. 18: "The Triumphs of Christianity." Sept. 25: "What is True Success?"

The Middlesex Union Y. P. S. C. E. will hold its quarterly conference with this church on the afternoon and evening of Sept. 21st. The address of the evening will be given by Dr. Wm. H. Allbright of Dorchester. An interesting program is in preparation for the afternoon. Every one is invited to the services.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

The church will reopen Sunday, Sept. 4. Sunday School will begin Sept. 11.

The Woman's Alliance will hold a special meeting sometime during the first week of September.

St. Andrew's Church

The Rector, Rev. W. E. Hayes, has returned from his trip in England, and will be at home on Saturday, the 3rd of September.

Regular services will be resumed at 10.30 A. M. and 7.15 P. M. on Sunday, the fifth of September. The Sunday School will open on the 11th.

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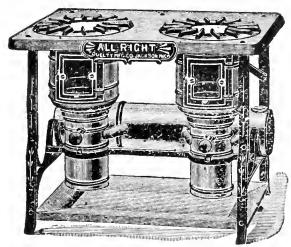
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CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

Wellesley Congregational Church October 2 and 3, 1898

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2.

10.30 A. M. Morning Worship.

Organ Prelude. Andante from 2d Sym-Widor phony, Call to Worship, The Minister

"Sanctus," The Chorus From the "Messe Solennelle," Gounod

Invocation and Lord's Prayer.

Hymn, The Congregation

Offertory.

"Gloria in Excelsis," The Chorus From the "Messe Solennelle," Gounod Responsive Reading and "Gloria Patri."

Scripture Reading.

Prayer.

Centennial Hymn, The Congregation Written by Rev. E. N. Pomeroy.

The Pastor Historical Sermon,

Prayer.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude.

"Cortège March," Gounod

3.30 г. м. Young People's Anniversary.

Organ Prelude.

The School Processional Hymn,

Prayer.

Hymn, The Congregation

"The Procession of the Centuries."

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Benediction.

4.45 р. м. Special meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, to be conducted by Mr. Erwin H. Walcott. All past or present members of the Society and all young people are urged to be present.

7.15 p. m. Evening Worship.

Organ Prelude.

"Hallelujah Chorus," HandelDoxology, The Congregation

The Lord's Prayer.

"Benedictus," The Chorus From the "Messe Solennelle," Gounod Hymn, The Congregation

Offertory.

Scripture Reading.

Prayer.

Rev. Edmund Dowse, D. D. Address, "Come let us sing," The Chorus From the 95th Psalm, Mendelssohn Addresses:

"The Outlook of the Church in Philanthropy and Social Reform," Rev. P. S. Thatcher, of the First Parish, Needham.

"The Outlook for Church Unity," Rev. W. E. Hayes, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley.

The Congregation Hymn,

 ${f Addresses}$:

"The Outlook for Congregationalism," Rev. P. T. Farwell, Pastor of the Hills Congregational Wellesley Church.

"The Outlook for the Wellesley Congregational Church," Rev. L. W. Hicks, Pastor from 1892 to 1896.

The Congregation Hymn,

Prayer.

Benediction.

Organ Postlude,

"Marche de Fète," Clausmann

Monday, October 3.

3,30 P.M. Centennial Oration in the Church, by Rev. William Hayes Ward, D. D., Editor of the "Independent." Subject: "The Influence of the Church in the Making of New England."

Public Reception in the 7.30 to 10.00 p. m. Chapel and Parlors.

A cordial invitation to attend any or all of these exercises is extended to all residents of Wellesley. A full account of the Centennial Celebration, with the Oration by Dr. Ward, will appear in the History of the Church, to be published during this month. A full notice of this book will be found elsewhere in this paper.

AS TO MODERN CLUB LIFE

"What course of lectures are you attending now, ma'am?" said Martin's friend, turning again to Mrs.

"The Philosophy of the Soul on Wednesdays."

"On Mondays?"

"The Philosophy of Crime."

"On Fridays?

"The Philosophy of Vegetables."

"You have forgotten Thursdays - the Philosophy of Government, my dear," observed the third lady.
"No," said Mrs. Brick, "that's Tuesdays."
"So it is," cried the lady. "The Philosophy of

Matter on Thursdays, of course."

"Vou see, Mr. Chuzzlewit, our people are fully

employed," said Bevan.

"Indeed you have reason to say so," answered Martin. "Between these very grave pursuits abroad, and family duties at home, their time must be pretty well engrossed." [Martin Chuzzlewit.]

MERICANS have never quite forgiven Dickens his keen satires on American life as he saw it fifty years ago, but sensible folks admit that it was often, if not always, the truth in his satires that hurt.

In the May number of Our Town were published brief articles on four of Wellesley's clubs. These were by no means all the organizations in this small town having in view the same general purposes of edification, socialization and, as Dickens would perhaps say, glorification. The articles referred to were necessarily confined to brief statements of the origin and purposes of these organizations and their value to the community. Inasmuch as the writer agrees with all that was said in favor of the club life of today, he may be permitted to offer a few remarks by way of "feeble suggestion" from another point of view.

Are there not some unrecognized, or at least unrealized dangers and perils in the club life of today?

Is it not in a general way stimulating a taste that does not need stimulation for publie or semi-publie life in direct antagonism to the quiet home life that is supposed to be one of the strongest strongholds of the American people?

Is there not danger that the young people of the future may regard the club and the lecture room as sources of sociability and information to the exclusion of the home?

Is there not danger that pretty much all creation of the future may substitute for studiousness and eareful reading and personal investigation, the "papers," "talks," "symposiums" and "lectures" of modern club life, where entertainment is the first requisite and needed information sometimes the last?

In a word, is there not in the increasing desire for clubs and club life the ever present danger of having too much of a good

Martin Chuzzlewit found Saturday and Sunday evenings unoccupied. We of half a century later have filled both these vacancies and are encroaching on forenoons and afternoons as well.

Continuing the quotation at the head of this article:

"Martin stopped here, for he saw that the people regarded him with no very great favor, though what he had done to deserve the disdainful expression which appeared in their faces he was at a loss to

Following Martin's example, the writer stops here.

ERWIN II. WALCOTT.

REVERENCE

THE traveler in England is impressed more than anything else with the formalities which pervade social and eeclesiastical life. At first sight these forms seem like a mere perfunctory observance of ancient eustoms; some are undoubtedly this and nothing more. But most of them require a deeper explanation. They witness to the fact that the English are essentially a reverential Their history has made them so. people. Generation after generation they have been trained from childhood to recognize one paramount duty, reverence for authority. The authority may be divine or human, expressed in church or state or family, bound up with traditions of the past or mandates of the present; but wherever it is to be found it is The English child is to be reverenced. taught to say in his eatechism that one of the things he owes to his neighbor is "to order myself lowly and reverently to all my betters."

We of America pride ourselves on many things, but we can not honestly claim that we exhibit too much of the spirit of rever-Observe, I say "exhibit;" however ence. much there may be of reverence in our hearts, we certainly show but little in our conduct.

Two questions are suggested by this fact: What is the reason for this apparent lack of reverence among us? Can we have the feeling of reverence without showing it?

One answer to the first question is this: The natural reaction from the excessive formalism of our mother country, considering it burdensome and meaningless, often insincere, has driven us into a bold simplicity in which form has reached the minimum necessary for prosperity and good order. Sometimes we are even rude and boorish and disrespectful in our detest of form. better reason is found in the sentiment of equality natural to a republic where the people have the government all in their own hands. In America every man is as good as his neighbor. Sometimes he thinks he is a How can be order himself little better. lowly and reverently before an equal or an inferior? Even the children share the general feeling. The nineteenth century American boy too often thinks he knows as much as his father or mother or teacher. He does not always look up to them with the respect which is their due.

The lack of reverence, however, is most conspicuous in connection with the Church. Although, as a rule, the Church and its means of grace are invested with that sacredness which naturally belongs to whatever is associated with the Divine, yet in some cases there is a looseness of behavior in our houses of worship, a flippant handling of religious themes which can not be too greatly deplored.

It would seem as if a little more reverence in church could not help but be productive of good, and yet one hesitates to urge it purely for its own sake. While it may induce other people to be reverent to observe our own devoutness, still that devotion must be real, the expression of a deep reverence in the heart. The man whose conduct during the week atterly belies the existence of any serious purpose in his life gives his outward reverence on Sunday the appearance of a sham. It drives many honest people away from religious forms altogether.

The only way to increase reverence is to make men feel the reality of God and the supremacy of Christian character. When this is accomplished, the second question, "Can there be any real reverence of heart that does not expressitself?" will be answered. What we are moved by we cannot help showing. We may try to repress all outward manifestation of our conviction, but no man who holds God and Christ in honor, can ever treat the Church or anything connected with it in a trifling manner any more than he

could allow his own mother, if he loves her, to be treated with contempt. If the instinct of reverence were planted so deeply within us that it could not be eradicated, the expression I believe would take care of itself, and whatever might be the form it assumed, whether the silence and bareness of a Quaker meeting or the elaborate ceremonial of a Masonic ritual, it would at least be sincere. By some outward token, men would pay deference to superiority wherever they found it; they would be as reverent as the Scotchman who used to stand every morning at sunrise on the summit of a hill and take off his bonnet to the beauty of the world.

WILLIAM E. HAYES.

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

IAT has the Church to do with the life of the world, with its work and its play, its aims, methods, and accomplishments? It has as much to do with the world as the men who compose it have. And the men who compose it are a great part of the world, inextricably interwoven into its life, unavoidably a part of that life, and largely deciding its aims, methods, and pursuits. Indeed, so far as our country is concerned, the men who compose the church are one-third of the population, and the men who "go to church" are two-thirds of the popu-The Church, therefore, is a very conlation. siderable part of the world, large enough to be held responsible for its life. What our world is, these men, more than any others, are making it. Nor is it possible for us to draw some imaginary line through human society and say "here is the Church" and "here is the world." Men who are "the Church" are also "of the world." Nor can men live a double life and be as churchmen separate from the world, but as business men and citizens a part of the world. Nor can men withdraw from the world if they would, not even though they take a vow to do so, and don a robe to show that they have. No man can live apart from the society of which he is a member. Every man receives daily from the world something which contributes to his life; and every man contributes daily, whether he will or not, something that helps to mould the life of the world. If with the right hand he refuses to do this particular thing, which he has been led to call "worldly," still with the left hand he is doing something

else, which is just as truly of the world.

It is quite as possible for a man to be "worldly" in his business, yes or his churchgoing, as in his pleasure. Neither work nor pleasure nor anything else is "worldly" simply because it is a part of the life of the world. It is the spirit, only, within the act, that makes it "worldly" in an evil sense.

And this declares the place of the Church in the world. The Church is God saving the world. It is God's leaven working in the meal of human life to the end that all society may be leavened. The Church cannot help a man while it leaves untouched matters so vitally a part of himself as his business or his pleasures. These are a part of himself, an expression of his life. So that if he receives a new spirit these also will receive a new spirit. Tell me how a certain business is conducted and I will tell you what kind of a man he is who directs it. Not that it will reveal his whole nature. It may indeed, through policy, be better than he is. But a man's business cannot be, in its nature, worse than the man himself.

Now the program of Christ is the lifting up of all human life, the redemption of society, the attainment of the ideal with which man was created. But what lifts man must be concerned with all the expression of his life. No man is converted till his work is converted. If the Church would christianize men it must christianize their labor, their business, their recreations, their politics. It must imbue these with its spirit. There is no more important task than this set before it.

Or, there is another way of presenting the matter. God made man to be a social being. The wonderful developments of modern civilization are all natural results of the right progress of humanity. They were germinant in man when God ereated him. Business, art, commerce, literature, the work of hand and brain, the building of cities, states, nations, and the communion of these in various ways, are all in God's plan. He intends these things. In His thought of humanity all of these have a place. Commerce, for example, has a divine nature, if we can only realize it. It can be promoted in God's way, to the glory of His kingdom, and that way will be for man's highest good. So with business, any legitimate business. There is a right, — that is a divine,— way of doing it. So with pleasures and amusements. God has made man with the healthful craving for

them. True recreation is re-creation. This also is divine. All of these things are in the Divine thought. And man has no higher privilege than to think of these things with God. Is not the duty of the Church manifest then? If it fails to impress upon men the divine side of life it has failed of its highest mission. There may be here many debatable questions upon which rightminded men will differ. Such questions must be worked out. The Church simply must demand that men try to solve them by the laws of God. It must require honesty and fairness in business, for example, though it may not be able to lay down any specific rules as to the conduct of business. Wall Street is a problem. But it is not a problem whether a man, or a corporation, has a right to "corner" wheat or wreck railroads, in order to fill his own pockets at the cost of others, to whom he gives no remuneration for what he obtains.

The Old Testament is full of the warning of what happens to nations when the rich are growing richer and the poor yet poorer, when oppression, injustice, bribery, and luxury prevail. And the New Testament, with its doctrine of the Kingdom of God, with its parable of Dives and Lazarus, and its rebuke of those who tithe mint, anise, and cummin, while forgetting justice, mercy, and faith, does but carry the doctrine of the prophets to the highest degree. So the Church is in the world to give a divine direction to all human affairs, to open the eyes of men to all inhumanity and show it to be odious, to inspire the councils that guide in business, politics, and pleasure. Men who do not intend to be guided by honesty and justice in these things will indeed demand that the Church be silent and confine itself to what they call "the Gospel," not knowing that "the Gospel" is the very thing they hate. But as it was in the days of Isaiah so will it ever be. The true preacher, who speaks in the name of God, must declare: "Your Sabbaths and solemn meetings, your merely church-going religion, my soul hateth. Put away the evil of your doing from before mine eyes. Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, do justice to the orphan, plead for the widow." The Church is in the world not to get men into heaven, but to get heaven into men. Worship is not for the purpose of persuading God but of receiving Him. And it does its

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Wellesley Congregational Church

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SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

THESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

DR. EMRICH of South Framingham will preach in this church on Sunday morning, October 9.

FOREIGN MISSIONS. The annual contribution to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions will be made on Sunday, October 30.

A NEW BIBLE CLASS. All young ladies of the congregation are invited to join the new Bible class just started and to be conducted by the Pastor. The course of study will be upon the life of Christ, with special reference to his teachings.

AN INVITATION. The Church and Pastor extend a cordial welcome to all the students and the newcomers to participate in the Church life. A special invitation is given to all to unite with the Church either by letter or on confession of faith. The regular time of the Church Committee meeting is after the prayer meeting, October 21.

FALL CONFERENCE. The regular fall session of the South Middlesex Conference of Churches will be held in South Sudbury on Tuesday, October 18th. Special arrangements will be made to transfer by barge between Saxonville and South Sudbury all who desire to attend. A sermon will be preached in the afternoon by Dr. A. Z. Conrad of Worcester.

CENTENNIAL. A full program of the Centennial is printed elsewhere in this paper. The Committee have sent invitations to all former and absent members to attend. The pastors of nearly thirty churches in the neighboring region have given a similar invitation to their congregations. It would seem as if a large company might be expected. The special Centennial Chorus numbers about thirty and will sing morning and evening. The music for the afternoon service will be provided by a selected group of children. All members of the parish are urged to extend the invitation to the exercises as widely as possible.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. Before the first of November a memorial history of the church will be published in a book of about two hundred pages. In addition to the story of the church life and activities there will be special chapters on the Sunday School, the young people's work, and the work of the women, also a chapter describing the Centennial Celebration and giving Dr. Ward's oration. Portraits of all the nine pastors are to be published and views of each of the meeting-houses. In the Appendix will be gathered much interesting material, including a chronological list of all the members for a hundred years. The price of the book will be one dollar. Subscriptions may be sent at any time to Mr. Wm. H. Blood, Jr., or to Miss F. H. Currier.

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12.00 Sunday School.

3.15 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS will be held with Miss Caroline W. Batchelder. Oct. 4th, Home Missions, Address, by Mrs. Geo. G. Phipps of Newton Highlands, "A missionary whom I have known." Oct. 11, Topic Meeting, "Methods of Bible Study." An experience meeting. Oct. 18, sewing meeting at 2.30 o'clock. Oct. 25, Topic Meeting. Subject to be announced later. All meetings at 3 o'clock, except Oct. 18.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY will meet at the Parsonage at some date early in October for its annual election of officers. The business will be brief and followed by a social gathering. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance. All the young people of the congregation are urgently invited to be present, as this meeting concerns them vitally. The effort has been made during the past year to devote this evening service not to a select "society," but to all of the young people. Shall this effort be continued? If all the young people are interested, let them all come and say so.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Until the new program for the winter is prepared the topics for the Sunday evening services will be those prepared by the Y. P. S. C. E. The services on Oct. 2nd will be omitted in order that all may attend the Union Service with the Wellesley Church.

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR SOCIETY will meet at three o'clock on Saturday afternoons. Miss Isabelle Fiske is the superintendent, and it is hoped that all the children under fifteen years of age will be enrolled in the Society. No branch in our church work is more important or more promising than this.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. In the primary department Miss Nellie Robson will assist Mrs. Thomas during the coming season. The treasury of the Sunday School is in need of funds to meet the regular expenses. Do not forget to provide for the class collections. Let us give our Superintendent a hearty welcome when he returns and our loyal support continually.

THE PRAYER MEETING. Remember that this department of our church work can be made most profitable only by faithful attendance. Every one who comes to help and receive help adds to the value of the meeting. This is the people's service, and upon the people rests the responsibility for its usefulness. Every one present counts. Empty seats have an unpleasant eloquence.

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WOMAN'S ALLIANCE. The Alliance will commence its regular meetings for the winter of 1898-99 on Tuesday, October eleventh. Business meetings of the Executive Board and Committees have already been held with a view towards an attractive and helpful program. The Alliance will also take an active interest in the fair to be held this fall.

JUNIOR ALLIANCE The Junior Alliance will hold their first meeting for the year of '98 and '99 on Saturday morning, October 8th, at 9 o'clock, in the Church parlor. Reports of its various committees will be read, new officers appointed, and welcome extended to members by the Society, which has proved a pleasant, entertaining, and profitable organization, having accomplished commendable work in its benevolent interest during the two years of its existence.

WE READ IN THE "CHRISTIAN REGISter" of Sept. 2nd that Mrs. Julia Ward Howe conducted the service in the Church of the Disciples on the previous Sunday. The sermon which she preached is spoken of as "a message to the American people." Returning from Rome to the land she loves so well, and which she has done so much to ennoble, her spirit has been stirred by the great things that have happened, and by the victories and losses of her people. She has put her heart into this message in the spirit in which she wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." It was said to be a thrilling and inspiring message.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. During the summer vacation new service and hymn books were purchased, and were ready for use on the second Sunday of September, when the Sunday School was called together to organize and give out the lesson papers, the regular lessons commencing the following week. The topics to be brought before the children are gathered under the head of the "Foundation Truths in Religion," and each subject includes two lessons: The World We Live in (Nature), The Source of Life (God), About Ourselves (Human Nature), The Great Book (Bible), Eternal Laws (Conscience and Punishment), Light of the World (Jesus), The Endless Life (Immortality), The Thinking Christian (Reason and Freedom), One Fold (Universal Church), Religion and Religious (Substance and Form). We commence with a full attendance and, seemingly, with increasing interest among the children.

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Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer.
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.
Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M.
Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

2.00 Ministering Children's League. 7.30 Girls' Friendly Society.

A WORD OF WELCOME. A this season of the year, the congregation is increased by the presence of a hundred teachers and students from Dana Hall and the College. Some are already familiar with our pleasant little house of worship. The Rector is glad to welcome them back again after the vacation. Some are taking up their residence among us for the first time. It is hoped that they will make themselves at home at St. Andrew's, and find its services enjoyable and helpful.

REMOVALS. We regret the removal of several families during the summer. We shall especially feel the loss of two of our most valued workers, Miss Tufts and Miss Cook, who have been associated with the Parish for many years. We wish them godspeed in their new fields of labor.

ADDITIONS. Several families will be added to our Parish list this fall. The town certainly needs new families to quicken its social life. It is hoped that they have come among us to stay.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The first meeting after the vacation will be held Saturday, Oct. 1st, at eight o'clock, in the Guild Room. The Branch Secretary, who has been spending her summer abroad, will be heartily welcomed back. During the summer, two members enjoyed an outing at the Holiday House, Amherst, New Hampshire. With the prospect of several new members, the outlook for the year is very bright.

UNION SERVICE. The members of St. Andrew's Parish are invited to attend the union service at the Congregational Church, Sunday evening, October 2, at half past seven, in honor of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the church. It is hoped that our people will show their friendly interest in the work of a sister church by a large attendance.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The course of instruction this fall will be "The Great Men of Israel," one of the most interesting of the courses in the Bible study union series. The Rector will have charge of the Bible Class. All who wish to join will please give their names to him after any of the services.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD. The annual meeting for the election of officers and planning the work of the year will be held in the Guild Room, Monday evening, October 10, at eight o'clock. All the women of the church are invited to be present, even though hitherto they have been unable to identify themselves with this work. Come and hear what the Guild is trying to do.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812
REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays,

8.45 A. M.

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9.00 A. M.

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THE RECTOR hopes to have teachers' meetings, for the study of the Sunday School lessons, on alternate Friday evenings during the fall.

ST. MARY'S CHOIR began its full work on Sunday, Sept. 25. The vacation season has caused no diminution of interest among the young men and boys.

THE CHOIR GUILD will hold its annual meeting early in October. We hope all the members on the active list will respond when the call for the meeting is made.

FOUNDER'S DAY in St. Mary's Church occurred Sept. 29, it being also St. Michael's and All Angel's Day. It was the 85th anniversary of the laying of the corner stone.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Sunday School began its session on the second Sunday in September with a large attendance and full complement of teachers. Mr. S. W. Clifford began his third year as the esteemed superintendent.

THE LITTLE HELPER'S CIRCLE of the King's Daughters began their fall meetings in the Parish House on Friday, Sept. 23. It is with pleasure we record the fact that Mrs. H. J. Jaquith still continues to be the efficient President of the different circles in the Parish. Their church work is always well done under Mrs. Jaquith's wise and loving oversight.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH GUILD will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of other business, on the second Thursday evening in October. The Committee on Social Entertainments will then be formed. The Guild will meet in the Parish House, Thursday, October 13, at 7.45. All members of the Parish are cordially urged to attend.

The Managing Editor of this paper takes the liberty of intruding in this column with a word of invitation to the parish of St. Mary's to join in the Centennial Celebration of the Wellesley Congregational Church, and especially to attend the union service of Sunday evening.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

REV. HENRY A. STIMSON, D. D., of New York City, preached at the morning service on "Flower Sunday," September 25, from the text always used,—"God is Love."

SONG SERVICE. On Sunday afternoon, October 2, an out-door song service, with an address by Professor Mary Whiton Calkins, will be held near Tupelo Point.

OPENING OF COLLEGE. Thursday, September 22, Wellesley entered upon the work of its twenty-first year. President Irvine returned early in the week, having spent the summer in France. Concerning student numbers, the registration is notably in excess of the last few years, although owing to late arrivals and the unknown result of examinations, it is impossible to estimate the numbers exactly at present. The Freshman class registers about 190.

AID FROM CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. Much effective service is rendered during the opening days by the College Christian Association. This year the arrangements were under the charge of Miss Edna L'Estrange Seward, chairman. Committees from the Association met each incoming train, thereby saving much inconvenience and confusion for newcomers, and a "Bureau of Information" was maintained in College Hall to give further assistance. On Saturday evening, the 24th, the Association held a large reception in the "Barn," the new students being greeted with an address of welcome and the singing of College songs.

FACULTY NOTES. Professor Carla Wenckebach, of the German department, has returned after a year's sabbatical absence. Miss Mary A. Willcox, professor of zoology, has received the degree of Ph. D. from Zurich, where she has spent the last two years in study. Miss Katharine Lee Bates, professor of literature, is abroad for her sabbatical year, during which she will study the French and Spanish drama. Miss Elizabeth K. Kendall, associate professor of history, is absent on leave. Miss Sophie Chantal Hart, who has been studying the past year at Michigan University, is again in charge of the English department. Another welcome return is that of Miss Margaret P. Sherwood, after two year's study at Yale. Miss Mary Whiton Calkins has assumed the direction of the philosophy department, having been made full professor. Miss Eleanor A. McCulloch Gamble, Ph. D., has been made instructor in psychology. Miss Caroline R. Fletcher, Wellesley '89, has returned as instructor in Latin, after a year's study at Radcliffe and Harvard. The College has been fortunate in securing for a course in Greek Art of the fifth century, B. C., the services of Dr. Joseph Clark Hoppin, as lecturer and instructor. Dr. Hoppin has recently spent five years abroad, studying art, and was lecturer last year at the American School for Classical Study in Athens. During the winter he will lecture at the Boston Art Museum. Other appointments are those of Miss Marie Volkaerts, instructor in French; Miss Lydia Elizabeth Sanderson, assistant in Bible history, literature and interpretation; and Francis Harding White, M. A., instructor in history. Miss Margaret Hastings Jackson will give a course of lectures in Italian painting, and Miss Alice Walton, Ph. D., one on the history of Greek sculpture.

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work most perfectly when it enables men to think with God on human affairs. This, then, is the place of the Church in the world. Everything that concerns man concerns it. Into every true function of life it must send the divine spirit. It must condemn what is harmful and champion what is helpful, redeeming, so far as is possible, the whole life. And it can do nothing more Christlike than to show to men how all normal life, with its healthful activities, is divine, a true part of the life of a child of God.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

IN the next number of Our Town we would like as full a report as possible of what Wellesley has done toward solving the Cuban problem. That is, we would begin with the aid that was sent to the reconcentrados and add a general statement of work done, money raised or contributed privately, and men enlisted. Much has been done privately. We do not desire to infringe upon that privacy where objection is made. But we would be glad of such information as will enable us to make a summary of what has been contributed from our town through any channel. Information toward this end is solicited. Please send it to Rev. Parris T. Farwell, Wellesley Hills, before Oct 25.

IS Our Town to be continued another year? It has been suggested that the subscription price of the paper be increased and less space be devoted to advertising matter. This is the desire of the editors of the paper. Is it the desire of our subscribers? If advertising could be entirely omitted, about double the space now allowed could be set apart for each church, thus greatly increasing the value of the paper as an agency for the churches. We would be glad to have our subscribers tell us whether this shall be undertaken or not. Please speak to your own pastor about the matter.

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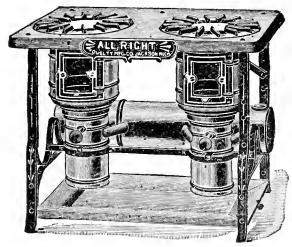
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T IS always refreshing to see a man enthusiastic over his own town. Even if he is somewhat inaccurate in his favorable judgments, he can be pardoned, for such a man will be likely to accomplish a good deal toward making things as good as he says they already are. It is the citizen who does not know the facts about his town, who holds himself off from those who have the town's best interests at heart, who refuses to join with his fellow-men in the church or in movements for social improvement,—it is this citizen who is a depressing and demoralizing force in a community.

NOTHER quality as refreshing as enthusiasm is a high sense of honor. It seems as if the standard of honor were more manifest in private than in public life. Noblesse oblige, say the French, and many a man believes it in his private relations, but repudiates it in his attitude toward the public. Every man wants to be thought a man of honor and, in private life, most men will do much to be worthy of that reputation. But when it comes to business or other dealings with the public, why, who cares for the public! If every citizen of this town in all public transactions or business dealings could say: "I am a citizen of Wellesley and, as such, honor compels me to keep the laws to the letter and respect the best sentiment of my town," then there would be no occasion for regret concerning the morals of public officials, or protests against the methods of conducting business.

JHY IS it that special privileges should be given to drug stores and not to other stores to do a miscellaneous business on Sunday? The law makes no distinction and commands the closing of all stores, making but one exception, namely,

the filling of physicians' prescriptions. But public sentiment is lax enough to allow drug stores to open for a general business. And, under the head of drugs, one may now buy in this town on any Sunday all manner of effervescent drinks, cigars, confectionery, whisk brooms, perfumes, stationery, ink, tickets to Boston, the New York Journal, and a hundred other equally necessary medicines. The other store-keepers ought to be bright enough to call their stores drug stores Then we could have a "wide-open Sunday." And what an improvement that would be!

TROM a church paper in Fall River comes the following: "A word or two in regard to funerals. The burial service set forth by our Church is a religious service, and is not intended to offer a chance to gratify any curiosity in regard to the mortal remains of one whose soul has gone to join the great majority. The custom which has been common here of allowing all present to view the remains in the church is an interruption to and an intrusion upon the religious service. It turns it into a show. It does violence to the natural feelings of grief and the natural desire for quiet on the part of those who have lost a dear one."

The suggestion is worthy of general consideration.

THE CUSTOM OF WORSHIP

E have seen the day when the Sunday morning church-going was an impressive experience. The very streets, as the hour for service approached, breathed with the air and manners of the devout mind. All about you were people on their way to the various churches, and, seemingly, with no thought of anything different to be done on any Sunday morning of any year. There before you was the evidence of a fixed custom You saw in the custom a of worship. means of spiritual culture in young and old. Amongst the throng there were some who held Bibles in their hands,—the books of the Old and New Covenants,—with here and there a copy written all over with sacred associations, possibly with precions memories that reached back in a line of worshippers who had read from its pages years gone

by, sacred in many things beside the truth and light recorded there. It was the realization of a good which Sunday and Christian worship alone could make possible. What the custom may grow into, and the good of which it is suggestive would be capable of manifold illustration from actual experience.

On a certain Sunday morning, the rain beating down in the fashion of a driving storm, I stood in a doorway which looked out upon a public square in a certain village. The Sunday quiet was upon the scene and the streets were deserted. As I looked, there was only one person crossing the square, an old lady who, I was informed, had passed her eighty-fifth year. She was very slowly making her way against the storm to her church,—an ancient edifice of Queen Anne's time,—which occupied a place on this same square. It was an impressive sight; her form was bent with age and her step was feeble. It was clear that something, which the storm did not change nor influence, was taking her to her church where, as I was told, she seldom failed to appear on any Sunday morning of the round year. And, as I reflected, it seemed quite probable that this persuasive something that could prevail upon her to face the discomforts of that walk to her church on such a morning might have had its root in a custom which reached far back in the history of her prolonged life. Possibly at some time in the early years of her life this had a beginning,—a germ of child life and nurture that had at length rooted itself in her very being. But in my momentary analysis of the scene I could trace much more than this at the root of it. My thoughts said: What wealth of association had the custom brought with it and woven into her heart! Very true it had had its shadow along the way to mingle with the light, just as all kinds of experience will have. Part of that experience was now but the treasured picture of her memory, her heart in that moment, it may be, singing of a "loss in all familiar things-in flower that blooms and bird that sings." But oh, so much remaining and that would remain to be a joy forever! We can picture it to ourselves. With that company of worshippers with whom she had met, from Sunday to Sunday, there would be seasons to recall when the sad heart had strength and good cheer poured into it from friends well-tried,—friends of a common faith, friends united in the spirit of the Master, a source of helpful sympathy that in instances had stood the test and proved unfailing. There must have been seasons when in that house of worship her better impulses were quickened, when her faith took firmer hold on the great themes of the spiritual life, times when the presence of her Father in heaven unfolded into more of a reality, times when clearer apprehension came of His being and love and the directing Providence, when affairs were going so strangely against well-laid plans and fond hopes. And so there were influences like these and others of a similar nature to explain the hold which that custom of attending worship had brought with it in her case, and which would apply equally well in any case where a similar custom had been planted and developed.

The best voices counsel this observance and custom. Says Mr. Emerson: "And what greater calamity can fall upon a nation than the loss of worship? Then all things go to decay. Genius leaves the temple to haunt the senate or the market; literature becomes frivolous; science is cold; the eye of youth is not lighted by hope of other worlds and age is without honor. Society lives to trifles, and when men die we do not mention them." These are words that rise in worth and significance in the face of every existing tendency toward a decline in the custom of worship.

ALBERT B. VORSE.

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"It is an ancient mariner."

A "PRAIRIE SCHOONER" in New England is indeed a strange sight, but one appeared not long ago on a quiet country road in Vermont.

It was a very hot summer morning, even among the Green Mountains. The sun had sunk the night before a great ball of fire and warned us of the approaching heat, but it was no more welcome for being expected. Every one was in a grumbling mood, for we had all traveled many miles to escape just this kind of weather. And yet we knew that when the sun should set the cool night air would come down from the primeval forests on the mountains, where it had been stored since the snow storms of last winter, and that one, perhaps two, blankets would be needed. Even with this in view, we were restless and ont-of-sorts.

OUR TOWN

On the tennis-court was a funny sight. Four boys were playing, each with an nmbrella or fancy-colored parasol in one hand and racket in the other, frantically trying to manage both, but failing to use either successfully.

In the same restless and reckless mood, and in spite of the remonstrances of our wiser friends, three of us started on a walk to Pulpit Rock, two miles away. We soon heartily wished ourselves back, but pride urged us on. We reached our destination in better spirits, however, and after a few minutes spent enjoying the fine view of the peaceful valley below us, set out for home, ashamed of our wilfulness, though reluctant to acknowledge it.

We had not gone far when we noticed a strange object moving slowly toward us, along the dusty road. As it drew nearer, it proved to be a queer old wagon, drawn by two Indian ponies. It was long and narrow, and the barrel-hooped top was covered with yellow oil-cloth. It was indeed an ancient "prairie schooner," whose former passengers had undoubtedly been thrilled by the ringing words "Westward Ho!" when the human tide flowed across the continent in its search for gold.

At first there seemed to be no driver, but we soon discovered, sitting almost out of sight, a quaint, little, old man, with "long gray beard and glittering eye," who, as one suggested, seemed like the ancient mariner of seas that now are sand.

It is a conrecous country custom to greet every one whom one meets on the road, and, as we said "good morning" to this lonely traveler, a pleased smile came over his wizened face, and he stopped his ill-matched ponies, apparently desiring to say something. We were eager to know his history, and he was even more eager to tell it; so without any questioning he confidingly poured forth to sympathetic listeners the story of a sad life

He was born in Vermont almost eighty years before, but had traveled westward when a young man, until he reached that far-off land "where rolls the Oregon, and hears no sound, save his own dashings." There he married, there his children were born, and there too they had all died, and he was left alone. His one desire now was to see his former home and friends, and then die and be buried in the little town he had not seen for so long.

One day more and the wish it had taken six months to carry out would be gratified. The ponies had stood the long journey much better than the wagon and harness, both of which had been mended with rope times The "schooner" had been innumerable. wrecked three times while crossing the Rockies, but the passengers had escaped unharmed from each disaster. And as he told us of his dreary journey across the country, he brought out very gently from under the seat, his only companion, a white mouse in a little box. When he spoke of the loved ones he had left behind and of this mute but faithful friend, the tears filled the old man's eyes.

We lingered long to hear his simple story, and when we said "good-bye" and wished him a "bon voyage," we could not help feeling sad, for we realized, as he did not seem to, that most of his old friends were gone and that a new generation had arisen, who had never even heard of him. We saw that his home-coming would rather be like a going into a foreign land, where all is new and strange and where there is no familiar face or voice to greet one.

We shall, doubtless, never see our "ancient mariner" again, but our thoughts go with him, and we shall always be glad that we were on the quiet, country road that hot summer morning, as this lonely voyager passed by. Our wiser friends are still sorry that they were not with us to see "a prairie schooner in New England."

GERTRUDE A. POMEROY.

SUNDAY IN OLD WEST NEEDHAM

MAGINE, if you please, a little girl emerging from an ancient farm-house - too ancient for its age to be traced—dressed in black from head to foot, to designate that the father of the family had passed that threshold never to return. Passing down the lane and meeting other girls this mourning garb formed a strong contrast with their gay attire, for children sixty-five years ago were dressed in decided colors. Even the shoes were pink, blue, or some other brilliant color to match the other articles of clothing. The parish of Rev. Thomas Noyes extended over the entire area of the present town of Welleslev. As the little girl passed the scattered houses, she fell in with the crowd on their way to church. A most decorous crowd it was, for it was the Lord's Day and all were bound for church. A chance

traveler in another direction would be stopped and the inquiry made, "What's the matter? Is any one sick?"

Soon the company came to the minister's more conspicuous residence, near the brook in the present Library grounds, with its white fence enclosing the loveliest flowergarden in the parish; a graveled walk leading to the front door was bordered on each side with beautiful flowers—larkspur, marigolds, pinks, peonies, etc. This was called "Sarah Noyes' garden," and the children were familiar with her pleasant smile as she called them to the garden gate, pausing in her work to gather some of her choicest flowers for them. On the front door was a brass knocker; roses, snowbalts and vines shaded the windows. The large dooryard, with its roofed well-curb, the shed and barn all rendered the place more attractive than the neighboring farm buildings with their more humble surroundings. Just beyond, and before the end of the spacious doorvard, there was a "spectacle maker's shop," with silver spectacle bows and tools in the window for a sign. Now and then appeared also a letter, with the address toward the street, for this shop was the first post-office in West Needleam, and the first post-master was the spectacle maker who was no less a personage than the minister's son.

Here the Parson joined the company and walked with his family toward the church, not far distant, situated on rising ground and surrounded by a cluster of houses, forming the more densely populated part of the parish. We were not annoyed by the dust of travelers, though the Squire's horse and chaise or the Deacon's covered wagon passed

at their church-going pace.

Three porches marked the entrances to the old church. A row of square pews extended on all sides of the interior, high and with a balustrade at top. With the high doors closed, these pews resembled spacious chicken-coops. We children used to look through the terraced top and see the notable personages enter the long pews in the center of the house. We watched the Squire, with his neatly-tied queue, enter and close the high door; also the aged Doctor—so popular with women and children - slowly walk to his seat, giving us an opportunity to admire his bright knee and shoe buckles. Our family pew had one side backed to the high pulpit, with its sounding board overhead. This side of the pew was generally occupied by the

smaller children, leaving the elders the seats where they could watch the minister while speaking—a side view to be sure, but better than nothing. The little children slept unnoticed on their bench. The children of a little larger growth were expected to listen and remember parts of the sermon to repeat when at home. This could not be expected of the little ones, who were taken to church when very young that their elders might not be kept from the "means of grace." My mother thought Mr. Noyes very eloquent, but at this day I cannot remember anything from the two long sermons of each Sunday except "Amen."

Nearly all the pews contained "Watts" Psalms and Hymns" and a foot-stove, the latter forming a cricket for the feet in summer, and in winter, with its pan of coals, serving to keep the feet warm. My love for the beautiful led me to watch the young ladies as they came and went, to see which carried the prettiest bag. These bags were of home manufacture and some of them very handsome, even to adult eyes. I doubt if anything of home manufacture to excel them can be found among the possessions of our modern young ladies. Sometimes dinners were carried in these bags. At noontime, between services in summer, the people often sat on the benches of the porches to eat this dinner. On cold days in winter they sat in the pews and, after eating dinner, filled their foot-stoves, often carrying them to houses in the neighborhood to save the coals of the large box stove in the church.

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On raised seats near the pulpit on one side

of the church, elderly and deaf people sat. As I recall them, they were all men, from which I infer that the women of that day preferred not to hear rather than to place themselves in so sightly a position. When the singers in the seats opposite the pulpit rose to sing, the large and handsome Leghorn bonnets, gayly trimmed, and the bright green calashes made a gay appearance. The "fiddles," clarionets, flutes, bass viol and the large double bass, accompanying the chorus, always made a deep impression. pitching the time by the instruments, the music arose loud and clear, and every word of Watts' hymns could be distinguished. 1 think the solemnity and devotional feeling which this music produced was as great as These are some of my childish impressions of a Sunday sixty-five years ago.

CHARLOTTE KINGSBURY.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society. 6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

NOVEMBER BENEVOLENCE. The last reguular benevolent contribution for the year will be made on Nov. 27th, for the benefit of the Congregational Education Society.

WEDDINGS. During October, Miss Mabel H. Townsend was married to Mr. Frederick L. Diehl; and Miss Elizabeth Varney to Mr. William J. Parritt.

KINDERGARTEN. Miss Katharine Burrill has re-opened her kindergarten in the room on Wellesley Square, which she occupied for the same purpose last spring.

WOMAN'S UNION. At the annual meeting in October, officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. George Gould; secretary, Mrs. W. R. Hanks; treasurer, Mrs. R. W. T. Crowell. Last year over one hundred women were enrolled as members. The number ought to be no less during the present year.

RETURNING SOLDIERS. Messrs, Frank C. Tucker and Harry Smith, members of the Sixth Regiment, U. S. V., have returned to Wellesiev from Porto Rico where they have been for three months in active service.

MR. EUGENEII, HATHAWAY, one of the members of this church, is the representative of the Chicago Record in Cuba and Porto Rico. He foliowed the army through the campaign at Santiago and, after a short visit home, has now returned to Havana for a stay of six months.

THE BOYS' CLUB has began its weekly meetings on Saturday evenings, in the upper hall of the church extension. All boys between fourteen and twentyone years of age are invited to become members.

THE HISTORY has been somewhat delayed owing to the work of proof-reading and other necessary causes. It will be a book of about 230 pages. Orders left beforehand at Miss Currier's will be filled as soon as the book is published, which will be very soon.

THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE of the Christian Endeavor Society would like to receive readable magazines and periodicals to send away to various places where such literature is always appreciated. Whatever may be brought to the table in the vestibule of the church will be used immediately. Those who have back numbers stored up at home, which they are willing to give away, are requested to inform Miss Ethel Fuller, chairman of the committee, who will see that they are called for and used to the best advantage.

First Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.15 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of Y. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS meets at four o'clock on Sunday afternoon at the church. All men, old and young, are welcome at any time, whether able or not to unite with the class. Theme of study: "The History of the Church in the Book of the Acts." Nov. 6, Chap. 2, "Pentecost." Nov. 13, Chap. 3, "Peter Preaching." Nov. 20, Chap. 4, "Peter and John Imprisoned." Nov. 27, Chap. 5:1-24., Ananias: "The Apostles Imprisoned a Second Time."

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Tuesday, Nov. 1, Foreign Missions, "West Central Africa." Meeting with Madam Hazelton at 3 P. M. Nov. 6, "The Home Making of Character." These meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month in the small vestry, at 2.30 P. M. All women are cordially invited to attend. The subject for the first meeting is "The Training of the Physical System." Nov. 22. Sewing Meeting at the house of Madam Hazelton at 2.30 P. M. Note the change of date.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. From subjects sent to the Pastor the following have been chosen. Nov. 11, "How Have I Read the Bible and How has it Helped Me?" Ps. 119, John 5:39. Nov. 18: "What Does Christ Reveal of God?" John 10:22-38. Nov. 25, "What does Christ Reveal Concerning Human Nature?" Dec. 2, "The Influence Upon Our Lives of Books, and of Reading in General." The people have been invited to suggest their own topics for these meetings. Only three responses have been received. Please send to the Pastor such topics as are of interest to you, they will interest others; devotional topics or suggestions for Bible Readings.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. There will be a Y. P. S. C. E. meeting in the Chapel every Sunday evening, at seven o'clock, using as a rule the regular topics. On the evenings when there is to be an address, or Praise service, or other formal service, this chapel meeting will be brief and preparatory. The meeting on Nov. 6, will be a Consecration meeting. Nov. 13, "The Progress of the Kingdom." Nov. 20, A Thanksgiving Service. Nov. 27, "Great Reforms That Need Our Help," to be followed by a sermon by the Pastor on "The Martyrs of the Early Church." This is the first of a series of sermons on church history, which the Pastor will deliver by request of the Sunday Evening Committee, once a month if possible. Other topics will be Christian Worship in the Early Centuries; Constantine and His Times; Augustine and Other Writers; The Hermits; The Monastic Movement; The Crusades; The Dark Ages, Savonarola, Martin Luther, Erasmus, the Counterreformation, etc., etc.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871 REV. ALBERT B. VORSE, PASTOR

Religious Services

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.
TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE held their first meeting of the season on October 8th. The membership on that date numbered eighteen. The meeting opened by singing a hymn, followed by words of welcome by the President, who briefly told the object of the Alliance work, which is to aid in the advancement of Unitarianism, the first interest being in our own church work, and after to extend a helping hand in other directions as far as we are able. The weekly meetings during the month have been satisfactory. Full and prompt attendance of its members showed hearty interest in the preparations for our church sale, which is the principal work now being done. In response to the roll call the members named some Unitarian minister, and where located if preaching.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY ANNUAL Convention was held in Concord, Mass., Oct. 19, 20; 137 churches were represented by 281 delegates, and many life members. Wednesday, at 3.30 P. M., a meeting of the Young Peoples' Religious Unions, presided over by Miss Ross, the National Secretary; speakers: Rev. Thomas Van Ness, Rev. H. N. Brown, Rev. E. J. Prescott, Rev. W. S. Jones, the keynote of the meeting being that the young people should consecrate and re-consecrate themselves and go forward to action. The rain continued to fall and the people to arrive -- no fair-weather Christians. The evening meeting was opened by Rev. F. A. Gilmore of Haverhill followed by address of welcome by the President , Rev. E. A. Horton. First essay, Rev. W. II. Pulsford, on "The Use and Abuse of Text Books;" second, by Mrs. Beatty, "Precepts, Principles and Personalities in Teaching," dwelling emphatically on the personality of the teacher. Dr. James DeNormandie spoke on "Definite Views of Religion." Thursday morning, prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. Roderic Stebbins. The old historic church was crowded to its utmost capacity, about an equal number of men and women, - not all bald-headed men, but young men in great numbers. Essays were given by eloquent, earnest men and women. A bountiful collation was served to about four hundred people, and the afternoon session and its work resumed. An address of welcome in behalf of the parish and town was given by Col. Barrett, in his usual hearty, graceful manner, responded to by Rev. E. A. Horton, in which he paid a glowing, tender tribute to the memory of Hon. Sherman Hoar. Vote of thanks to the parish, and singing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and meeting adjourned.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer. 12.00 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

SATURDAY

2.00 Ministering Children's League.

7.30 Girls' Friendly Society.

QUESTION BOX. For the purpose of answering any questions or suggestions which the congregation may have in mind, a question box has been placed in the vestibule. It is hoped that it will be used.

BIBLE CLASS FOR GIRLS. The Sunday School is fortunate in securing as a teacher for the older girls, Prof. Katherine Coman of Wellesley College. All who wish to join the class are welcome to do so.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD. At the annual meeting, held at the house of the Rector Oct. 10, all the different departments were organized for the work of the coming year. A full list of departments and officers is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the Chapel.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY. It is too early to make any announcement with regard to the annual service on St. Andrew's Day, Nov 30, except to say that there will be a service and that some clergyman from out of town will be invited to preach. An offering will be taken for parochial missions.

CHURCH-SALES. "That which underlies these things," says an editor in "The Church," "and constitutes their aim and object, namely, the spirit of brotherhood, is commendable, and no effort can be spared or is unworthy that serves in any way this real and active purpose. Fairs and such like must find their one justification in this, if they are to find it at all, that they foster the spirit of brotherhood."

THE GENERAL CONVENTION and Church Unity. Those who read the "Churchman" or the "Outlook" will be gratified to learn that the Episcopal Church, speaking through her delegates in the General Convention, has taken a great step forward in admitting under her jurisdiction congregations who do not use the Book of Common Prayer. The uniting of the "progressive and conservative forces" on this important measure proves conclusively that the Episcopal Church, much as she loves her priceless liturgy, does not consider it as absolutely essential to Church Unity.

COMING EVENTS. Following the above idea, the Parish Aid Department of the Guild is aiming to give a more social character to its functions. A general reception was held at the house of the Rector on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Another event will probably be in the nature of a supper, to be held at the house of one of the parishioners, with a small charge for admission. Both of these events have for their underlying object the promotion of unity among all the members of the congregation. Let them make an effort to be present, and thus show their loyalty to the church.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812
REV. II. USHER MONRO, RECTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, Special Festivals, 8.45 A. M. 9.00 A. M.

Choir rehearsals, Tuesdays and Fridays.

THE GLEANER'S CIRCLE of King's Daughters will meet every two weeks with Mrs. B. F. Curtis, during the winter. The young women will study Church History.

THE COMMITTEE ON ENTERTAINMENT of the Parish Guild elected to serve for the November meeting are: Dr. F. W. Freeman, Mr. Edward Jennings, Mrs. C. A. Wiswall, Mrs. Charles Hatch, Mrs. Frank G. Barron, Miss Mertie Morse.

The first social meeting of the Guild was held on Thursday evening, Nov. 3, at 7.30.

MR, CONNOLLY. In the death of Mr. Andrew S. Connolly, which occurred Saturday evening, Oct. 22, the parish loses a faithful member. Mr. Connolly had served St. Mary's as sexton for about 15 years. By his honest, upright life he had won the respect of all who knew him. The town has lost a good citizen; the Church a consistent communicant and one that was loyally attached to its welfare. On Tuesday afternoon, October 25, services were held in the church, attended by many friends in the community and the Wellesley Lodge of Odd Fellows.

THE ARCHDEACONRY of Lowell held its Missionary Meeting in St. Stephen's Church, Lynn, on Oct. 6, with an all-day session. The Archdeacon, the Ven. J. II. Vanburen, preached an interesting sermon, giving a general account of the mission field in this Archdeaconry, and its specific needs. St. Mary's Church is asked to contribute \$74 this year as its portion for the general fund.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH GUILD held its first meeting for the fall and winter on Thursday evening, Oct. 13. The reports of the various chapters of the Guild were read and received.

Most of the young women and girls of the parish belong to one of the three circles of King's Daughters, whose work consists in "lending a hand" to anything that may need to be done. During the past year about \$75 has been received by the Treasurers from regular dues and an entertainment. From this amount materials for eight cottas and two cassocks have been purchased; also cotton cloth for sheets and pillow cases and other much needed articles for the Newton Hospital. The sewing has been done by the members of the circles. A blackboard was given for the use of the Infant Class; materials for a banner purchased and the embroidery done and presented to the choir; a Christmas tree hung with pretty and useful gifts provided for the Peabody Home. Three dollars were sent to the "Gordon Rest," the vacation home for the King's Daughters.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

NEW BUILDINGS. So satisfactory is the progress made on the Houghton Memorial Chapel up to this time that the members of '99 are encouraged in their long-cherished hopes of taking their degrees next June under its roof. "Attractive and well-placed" is the universal comment on the new Shakespeare Society House, which is rapidly approaching completion. And here, in the new though unfinished quarters, modelled after Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon, the Shakespeare Society held its first initiation meeting this autumn.

THE WELLESLEY MAGAZINE. In its first number for the current year, the Wellesley Magazine affords especial interest. An appreciative tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary Sheldon Barnes, formerly professor of history at Wellesley, who died in England, August 27, is contributed by Professor Katharine Lee Bates. Professor Bates is also the author of the leading article in the Magazine "On Top of a London Bus," a delightfully entertaining reminiscence. "A Letter from Hawaii" comes from Miss Lillian Corbett Barnes of '91, who is now teaching in that country. Miss Grace L. Cook of '99 is editor-in-chief of the Magazine; Miss Bernice O. Kelly, '99, associate editor; Miss Maude E. McClary and Miss Louise E. Baldwin are managing editors.

A WELCOME GIFT. Announcement was made early last month that a friend of Wellesley, whose name is withheld, had presented the College with a large and valuable telescope, fitted for advanced observation and research. This welcome gift places Wellesley in a position to accomplish much practical work at once along the lines of applied mathematics, for, through the generosity of the same benefactor, suitable accommodation is to be provided for the instrument. The building, which will be erected soon, will be of brick, and will be located on the level plateau between Simpson and Fiske cottages. It will contain, in addition to the dome for the telescope, libraries and laboratories for the use of students in mathematical and physical astronomy.

LECTURES AND CURRENT EVENTS. Several lectures of note have been given during the past month. Mrs. Dario Papa, by invitation of Professor Coman, addressed the students October 3rd, on "The Present Political and Economic Condition of Italy,' making a plea for the political prisoners in that country. A committee consisting of Professor Coman, chairman, Miss Schofield, Miss Stern, Miss Schoelkopf, and Miss Nunnemacher was appointed to co-operate with the American committee in arousing interest for these prisoners among the students and alum næ of American women's colleges. A second !ecture of much interest was that delivered by Dr. Caspar R. Gregory, of Leipsic University, October 14, on "New Testament Manuscripts." On Tuesday evening, the 18th, Dr. C. Willard Hayes, of the United States Geological Survey, gave a graphic account before the Science Club and invited guests of his "Recent Experiences in Central America," Dr. Hayes, with his family from Washington, being on a brief visit at the home of Professor Ellen Hayes. The Saturday afternoon Current Events course was delightfully opened October 15th, with a reading by Mrs. Charlton Black of Cambridge.

FINAL REPORT OF THE VOLUN-TEER AID COMMITTEE

Cash received		\$329 02
Expended for material, expenses, \(\) and laundry bills	. 201	52
Sent to the Mass, Vol. Aid Ass'n.	. 100	00
Paid to supply ice at Camp Dalton	. 20	00
Paid for the Hospital Ship	. 2	50
Incidental expenses	. 5	00
		\$320 02

JANE G. EDMUNDS, Treasurer.

Besides the money, material has been contributed to the value of about \$40. The following articles have been sent to the warehouse in Boston:

- 432 Abdominal bands,
- 76 Hospital shirts,
- 172 Mosquito canopies,
- 109 Sheets,
 - 7 Pillow cases.
- 123 Suits of pajamas,
- 34 Comfort bags,
- 450 Rolled surgical bandages,
- 50 Towels,
- 95 Glasses of jelly,
- I Bbl. rolls of old linen,
- 4 Bbls. magazines.

The work has broadened beyond the hopes of the original promoters into village proportions. This came about at the request of the Volunteer Aid Association. The need was so immediate it seemed unwise to wait for further organization. Therefore, the Committee of the Woman's Club appealed to the whole township for support. It is a pleasant duty to testify to the cordial response made by the citizens. Money, material, labor, and the use of Maugus Hall have been cheerfully given.

MARGARET C. FARWELL, Secretary.

In addition to the work of the local Volunteer Aid Society, generous gifts in money, food, clothing, and other necessities have been sent first to the Cuban Relief Committee and afterward to the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Committee. We gladly present below a statement that we have received concerning one of these gifts.

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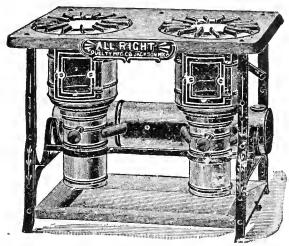
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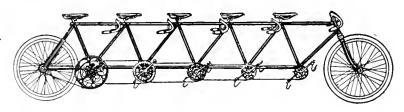


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THE EDITORS of Our Town take pleasure in presenting to the students of Wellesley College this special "College number," and they take this opportunity to thank those who have furnished the various articles for their co-operation. It has been the purpose of this paper to represent all the best elements of the town life. The relation to the College has not been hitherto as close as the editors have desired. With this issue it is hoped that the interest of the students may begin and that many of their names on the subscription list will show that interest in tangible form. We believe the people of Wellesley will also be glad to know the College better and will appreciate the addition to our contributors of representatives of both students and faculty.

TT IS with a certain sense of regret that we are compelled to announce an increase in the subscription price of Our Town for the coming year from twenty-five to fifty cents. Not that there is not fifty cents' worth in the paper, for we are glad to think that we have done more for our subscribers during 1898 than they expected. But there was a satisfaction in making the price low. The income, however, has not been quite enough to prevent a few of the dark hairs of the editorial heads from turning gray with anxiety. And we cannot afford to sacrifice our peace of mind. Our promise for 1899 is that the paper will not fall below the 1898 standard. And we hope more people will pay the half dollar than have this year paid the quarter.

A special rate of twenty-five cents has been established for the students of the College.

X JE DESIRE to call especial attention to the Boston advertisers who appear for the first time in this number. We hope that other Boston firms will follow in future. And our readers are urged to mention Our Town whenever they respond to any advertisement.

A NOTABLE GIFT TO WELLESLEY COLLEGE

THE FOUNDERS of the College, in taking the village of Wellesley for the site of the work which they supremely loved, put into visible and permanent form local associations of peculiar strength and beauty. In giving to their noble achievement not their own name but the name of the village, the founders made village and college—and eventually town and college - joint owners in these associations, and coheirs to a wealth of interests and influences that lay hidden in the future. In the selfsame spirit of devotion to a great purpose, other men and women of Wellesley have ministered. Space does not suffice for a full list of these welcome contributions to the resources of the growing College. When the dormitory space of the building proved inadequate to the number of students ready for admission, a resident of Wellesley came forward with the gift of a building which met the immediate need and later served other uses not less important.

Another resident of Wellesley gave a scholarship by which some village girl should have free tuition. Another established another scholarship in memory of an eager little student of nature, whose promotion came very early. Another put at the disposal of the College the freedom of interesting gardens and spacious grounds, and added from year to year other timely help. When applications again crowded upon the College so rapidiy as to exceed the capacity of dormitories which could be provided on the College grounds, village homes were opened to students. The gracious hospitality of the village has added much to the social life of teachers and students. And not least among these various benefits, an important department of the College received its first vital impulse from one whose homestead seemed to the students of that day but an especially attractive corner of the College grounds.

Today we have a new and illustrious instance of sympathy and beneficence on the part of the town toward the College. The Trustees announce a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. Charles T. Wilder, late of Wellesley. The gift made by Mr. Wilder during his lifetime became available but recently. Not a little of the pleasure and gratitude which the Trustees and all friends of the College feel in this welcome acquisition is due to the facthat the gift proceeds from a resident of Wellesley who loved the town and with it, and as a part of it, the College which bears its name. In the letter which announces his generous purpose, Mr. Wilder says: "My long residence in the town of Wellesley carrying with it so many pleasant and sacred associations, inclines me to leave some token of my life here as a citizen, and no more fitting way occurs to me than in connection with the institution of the town devoted to the higher education of young women."

When Mr. Wilder's benefactions by will were made known disappointment was felt by many because an educational institution of Wellesley, founded by residents of the town, was not included among his bequests. Today the Trustees rejoice in doing full justice to Mr. Wilder's loyalty to local interests, and in according to him his deserved place in the front rank of donors to the College.

Another gratifying feature of Mr. Wilder's liberality toward the College is in the fact that no burdensome restrictions accompany the gift. That the Trustees of the College will permanently associate Mr. Wilder's name with the gift may reasonably be inferred. But whether the money now received into the College treasury shall be invested in a new building or shall raise the infant endowment fund to a hopeful stature is not indicated in the terms of Mr. Wilder's provision for the work of the College and has not been as vet decided. The Trustees, doubtless, will take much pleasure in gratifying the tastes and preferences of Mr. Wilder as they may become cognizant of them through his family.

A FRESHMAN'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Wellesley College, 12 October, 1898.

My dear Friend:—Our old discussions as to the relative attractions of Vassar and Wellesley are settled, to my own satisfaction at least, and I shall attempt to make you O, so sorry that you did not east in your lot with the followers of the Wellesley blue.

First of all, perhaps, you will be interested to know how some other college than Vassar welcomes her green babies. Wellesley hospitality anticipated the arrival of the Freshmen, and each expected student received a cordial note from an upper class girl, proffering assistance upon her arrival. A further

welcome was extended at the opening of College by the Christian Association, in the form of a reception. Then came the turn for the Barn Swallows to do the honors of College Beautiful.

Several days in advance, a poster, decorated with a Gibson girl who would be a credit to Gibson himself, announced that a shirt waist dance would be given on Saturday evening in the Barn. The Swallows hastened to explain to the credulous minds of the newcomers that the name of their society did not imply that one must swallow her pride to attend a dance in a barn. The explanation of the origin of the society was interesting to us, as I am sure it will be to you.

In years gone by, the College owned a valuable herd of cattle. Either the cows grew discontented with their humble lot, or discouraged with trying to supply the demands made on them by six hundred ravenous girls. At any rate, they all died, and left a huge barn unoccupied. At once the business-like girls set their wits at work to devise some plan whereby that barn should continue to contribute to the general happiness of college At last they hit upon the plan of transforming it into a recreation hall, where the girls might even drive nails into the walls without fear of a summons to headquarters. Gradually improvements have been made until one would never dream that the unpretentious exterior covered so attractive an interior. During the past summer, the walls have been ceiled and an ideal dancing floor laid through the generosity of one of the College trustees. With the addition of a stage and curtains, it has become the popular place for the presentation of amateur plays.

On the evening of the dance, each Freshman was the guest of an upper class student. In this way the newcomers soon met the students of longer standing and were initiated into the freedom and fellowship of college society. You need no description of the evening, for you can picture to yourself the merry chattering, the embarassing slips on the newly-waxed floor, the good-natured collisions, the flutter of white skirts, and the general atmosphere of cordiality that pervaded even the rafters high in the roof. The one picturesque touch was added by the musicians. Italians they were. The man, stolid and apparently indifferent, mechanically ground a hurdy gurdy. The woman, beautiful in her gorgeous national costume, brought melody even from a tambourine. The grace with which she played was as charming as the music itself.

The guest of honor that evening was the '97 girl in whose fertile brain the Barn Swallow society originated. She was raised to the platform to speak, but at her appearance the hall re-echoed with applause, and all she could say in reply was most eloquently expressed by a violent waving of her jacket. Then the musical Wellesley cheer swelled above the clapping. As I watched the faces brighten at sound of the familiar strains, and realized, in part at least, how strong were the ties of friendship and loyalty which bound these older students to Wellesley, I felt that college means more than fun or learning or culture—that it means the broadening of life itself.

No doubt you have received some such inspiration already, and I shall be anxious to know much of your college life. And so I shall look forward to your reply with a great deal of interest.

Sincerely,

FRANCES L. HUGHES.

THE COLLEGE SOCIETIES AND THEIR INFLUENCE

SINCE there are only six societies at Wellesley, with an average membership of thirty each, it is probably evident even to the most indifferent of mathematicians that a large majority of the College students are non-society girls; and yet the society life is, or should be, a factor of importance, not simply to the members themselves but to the College at large.

Two literary societies were started by Mr. Durant in the early days of the College, having for their avowed object the increase of general culture, aiming to foster the study of art, literature, and literary criticism, and to give practice in debate and extemporaneous speaking. These two societies were the Zeta Alpha and Phi Sigma, and though they met with reverses later and suffered a short season of suspended animation, they were resuscitated in 1889 and have been in a flourishing condition ever since. Very soon after the inauguration of these societies by Mr. Durant, another one was started for a more specialized line of work, and its object is sufficiently indicated by its name, the Shakespeare Society.

Since the rejuvenation of the two abovementioned Greek letter societies, three others have sprung into being,—the Agora, in which political matters and topics of the day are discussed; Alpha Kappa Chi, which devotes itself principally to classical subjects; and Tau Zeta Epsilou, which is primarily given up to the study of asthetics, having started life in plain Engash as an art society.

If we should attempt to personify these six societies, then, what would they be like? The Agora, a self-possessed young woman, full of interesting and useful information, ready to converse with you on any topic of the day,—perhaps the "new woman" of the highest type and in the best sense of the The Shakespeare Society, a most attractive personality, as might be expected from the name, with just a hint of the dramatic in her pose, and at present a somewhat self-assured and haughty air, as of one who has a "local habitation" whereas she knows her sisters have none; for is not the Shakespeare Society house a solid reality, whereas all the other society houses are still castles in the air? Then there is Alpha Kappa Chi, a maiden with classically chiseled features, wrapped in a toga or tunic or some garment of the antique order, who salutes you with a Greek or Latin declamation as you pass her in the corridor. Tan Zeta Epsilon, pencil and sketch-book in hand, roams the world in search of the beautiful that she may make it her own; and, if we interpret aright the mystery of her society pin, pursues her quest according to modern methods, namely, on a wheel, but with wings handy in case of accident, thereby showing her forethought. Finally Phi Sigma and Zeta Alpha appear, with an all-around cultivation radiating from their countenances, showing all of the good qualities of their four sisters and many others in addition. Perhaps it need not be mentioned that the writer of this article is a member of one of these latter societies.

The influence which the societies should have in the College can readily be deduced from this brief description of their aims. They form centres which have for their avowed object cultivation either in special or general lines; but a large part of their excuse for being would be lost if the advantages were confined to their own members, if they were not felt to be a good to the College as a whole. Now the lives of all the students are so closely interwoven that it is

impossible to confine any advance or development within the limits of a definite organization. The subjects which come up in the societies are discussed more or less with friends outside, and any cultivation or enrichment of life, acquired either from the literary work or the stimulating power of friendly fellowship, must be at least partially communicated to the world at large. Although society membership and high scholarship are far from being terms which always go hand in hand, many of the finest students in college being non-society girls, yet the societies represent a desire for development along certain lines and in certain ways which cannot be obtained from the regular college work. They must therefore stand to a considerable extent for high-minded ambition, and along with this goes the feeling of society pride which spurs a girl on to do, for the credit of her society, the best possible work in all of her college courses and to attempt to show herself in all of the relations of life a cultivated and large-minded woman.

Fortunately the subject of this article is limited to *societies*. Following in the wake of these more highly organized bodies are springing up day by day numberless *clubs* with various and sundry objects, and to attempt even to name these clubs and state their aims would be quite "another story."

CHARLOTTE FITCH ROBERTS.

LITERARY WORK IN COLLEGE

"Lucky thing I ain't a boy or I'd worry and git sick; Bein' I'm a girl, I take right hold and do 'em like a brick.

But now that spring is drawin' nigh, and the nights are gittin' hot,

I've come to a conclusion, a new idear I've got, O, ruther let non-credit notes assail me left an' right Than I should keep a livin' on a writin' things at night."

—'99 Legenda.

WHATEVER may be said of the possibility of literary work in college, the lines here quoted are pathetic indication of the fact that there is for the student no end of writing. Indeed most of us believe that one reason why we write so ill is that we write so much. A Wellesley girl fights her way, pen in hand, through hundreds of pages of theme paper, to her degree; and when the coveted diploma is once gained, and laid aside during the final packing, the new alumna, sorting the remnants of those closely written pages, blushes with shame at sight of

inelegant, ambiguous, and verbose achieve-When at last she realizes the organic and eternal relations between thought and expression, she accounts for her own past carelessness. Under the necessity, real or imagined, of "writin' things at night," she had no time to select and prime her ideas; she must needs tell all she knew, disregarding legibility, commas, and paragraphs. Such painstaking has been too costly since those distant, leisurely days of freshman English. Most of us have the melancholy consciousness, in the midst of weariness attendant upon continued writing, that somewhere, somehow, the mighty machine of modern education is out of gear. We ought not to have so much to do that we can do nothing well.

This lack of discrimination and of scrupulousness is apparent in all college attempts at literature. Our work is not finished. Yet sometimes for the mere pleasure of trying we keep on writing things to which our respected critics forever apply those two blighting epithets,—triteness and crudity. And our severest and often most helpful critics are fellow-students; for the literary work of the college girl is not limited to imperfect essays for the departments of instruction. The various clubs bordering closely on these departments offer opportunity not only for further writing at night, but also for the presentation of papers before an audience. The Philosophy Club and the Richard Wagner Club are the only ones understood to be constitutionally opposed to work from undergraduates. The clubs in Economics, History, Biology, and Botany do expect individual investigations from student members, and the famous Rhymsters' Club demands of each member an inspired poem once every two Another important element in the literary fife of many Wellesley girls is found in the societies; and here, too, when the endeavor is at all proportioned to the scholarly aims of the society, the stimulating influence upon the workers is inestimable.

But it is when she flings her story or her verse abroad for the whole college to look at that a girl gets the greatest possible benefit out of her own writing. Then she must sturdily face the criticism which she has challenged; she must scrutinize every word of commendation or of censure and measure its justice. She will find ordinarily that she shares the defects which she recognizes in

other contributions to the Legenda, or the Magazine.

Although these student publications do show, as a rule, the same incompleteness that characterizes our other productions, they show also a wide-spread interest in literary work, and, sometimes, an honest effort to write well. The Legenda, appearing only once a year, makes a bigger stir in the college world than the Magazine; yet the latter, by its persistent reappearance each month, offers a truer gauge for college literary work than does its handsomer sister. In spite of the inefficiency of its stories and poems and essays, even in spite of the lack of humor in its pages, the Magazine, which is controlled by the students alone, has lived ten years and is still flourishing. This certainly means genuine interest and some literary ambition on the part of the students themselves.

While we are in college, it is not easy to see ourselves as we are. Other people are always kindly reminding us of this fact. Perhaps, then,—although our friends do not hint thus far—we shall some day find ourselves able to do better than we think. Perhaps, when we no longer are obliged to "keep a-livin' on a-writin' things at night," we shall find ourselves having something to say and the ability to say it. There are Wellesley alumnæ who write well. Shall there not be others? I believe there are girls now in college who, when they shall have found time to think definitely and composedly, will express themselves effectually and inevitably, so that we shall be proud to recognize them among the Wellesley women who write.

GRACE LOUISE COOK.

THE RELIGIOUS SIDE OF COLLEGE LIFE

TO ANYONE interested in a college its intellectual life is naturally the most prominent feature. But if we take more than a mere passing glance at college life, its social and religious sides also become apparent. As at almost any college, so at Wellesley, an outside observer may not at first notice the religious work going on. It has, nevertheless, a vital importance to the students themselves.

Since Wellesley has no appointed chaplain, the religious services are arranged for by the College authorities. The week-day chapel prayers, which form the prelude to the day, are conducted by the President or members of the faculty. Occasionally we have the opportunity of listening to a few helpful thoughts from the pastors of the village churches. At the Sabbath preaching services the range of ministers is by no means limited, all denominations being represented in the pulpit. On the first Sabbath of each new year, in accordance with the beautiful thought of the founder, the sermon is preached from the text "God is love." There is a vesper service or an address by some speaker every Sabbath evening.

Aside from these regular services the Christian Association is the most important factor of the religious work of the College. It aims to promote the cause of Christ, "recognizing the importance of Christian fellowship as a means of individual grace." bership to the Association is free to all who take the simple pledge, declaring their belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour, and their desire to live a life consistent with its character as a Christian Association. The Association is organized and carried on primarily by the students, with the co-operation of the faculty. Its methods of work are essentially similar to those of the Christian Endeavor societies in the churches. Appointed committees have charge of the various phases of work. The Association conducts an evening prayer-meeting each week. Each class, moreover, has its own class prayer-meetings.

The missionary interest of the College, while not confined to any special branch, is largely directed toward our medical missionary, a Wellesley graduate now in India, and to College Settlement work. The Association pays the expenses of the College missionary. The College Settlement chapter is particularly interested in work done in Boston and keeps in close touch with the Denison House.

The comparatively large numbers of Bible study and Mission study classes in the College attest to the interest of the girls in spiritual as well as intellectual development. The circles are led by the students themselves, but the work as a whole is under the sympathetic guidance and help of members of the faculty.

In all these branches of religious work at Wellesley, it is the earnest aim to carry out the College motto in the spirit of Him who came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister."

ITEMS FROM THE WELLESLEY CHURCHES

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

THE PASTOR expects to exchange on Dec. 18 with Dr. Charles E. Harrington of Waltham.

THE CANTATA OF RUTH will be given in the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, for the benefit of the "New Church Fund." A large chorus will render the work, assisted by Boston soloists. Remember the date, Dec. 14.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will meet on the evening of the 16th, after the prayer meeting. Those who wish to unite with the church on the first of January are invited to meet with the Committee at that time. Letters from other churches may be presented then, or earlier, to the Pastor.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. Sermon and special music in the morning. Sunday School concert at 6 P. M. The custom of bringing presents to this second service will be continued. Bring books, toys, games, candy, anything for children's presents. These will be sent to the children's hospital at Baldwinsville.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS: Dec. 6. Home Missionary meeting at 3 P. M., at the parsonage. Mrs. Louise A. Kellogg, Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Union, will give an account of her recent western trip. Dec. 13, at 2.30 P. M., in the vestry. "The home making of character." Special topic: "Cultivation of the mind." All women invited.

of the church will occur as usual on the evening of the 27th. To this dinner all church members worshipping with us are cordially invited, and the husband or wife of any such church member. This limitation is made on account of limited room for seating guests. At the supper there will be presented brief reports of all the work of the church. It is also very desirable that there be a full attendance at the business meeting, as matters of importance are to be considered.

Wellesley Congregational Church

PASTOR'S BOX. A handsome box has been placed in the vestibule of the church for the use of the congregation. Addresses of strangers, requests for calls, information concerning cases of sickness, questions, or any other communication for the Pastor may be put in this box and will receive attention.

NEW MEMBERS. All who desire to come into the fellowship of this church on the first Sunday in January, New Year's Day, are invited to make the fact known to the Pastor as soon as possible. Those intending to bring letters of transfer should procure them at once. The regular meeting of the Church Committee to meet all candidates will be held Friday evening, Dec. 16.

SUNDAY EVENING ADDRESSES. Through November the Pastor has given a series of talks based on the books entitled "In His Steps." This series will be continued in December, the special topics and dates being as follows: Dec. 4, "What Jesus would do as a church member"; Dec. 11, "What

Jesus would ask those who are not church members to do;" Dec. 18, "What Jesus would aim to accomplish in himself."

INTERESTING TOPICS. At the Friday evening prayer meeting of December the following topics will be considered: 9th, "Enthusiasm for Christ"; 16th, "The habit of private devotions"; 23d, "What more can Christians do to promote peace on earth"; 30th, "Christian progress during the year." All the people of the community are cordially invited to attend all of these meetings.

AFTER MUCH DELAY the History of the Church is published and is now on sale at Miss Currier's and at Story & Steven's drug store. Price, one dollar. It will require a sale of about three hundred copies to pay the cost of the book. If any more copies are sold the proceeds will go into the church treasury. It is hoped that the people of the community will find the book valuable enough to purchase it and so prevent any financial loss.

St. Mary's Church

THE AMOUNT RAISED for the Archdeaconry Fund was a little over \$70. This is for the missionary work of the church.

MR. ERNEST L. MABEY, of Newton Lower Falls, has been elected to the office of Sexton of the church. He has so far filled the place well, and given good satisfaction.

THE HARVEST SUPPER which was held in November proved in every way a success. It was largely attended and was a very sociable affair. The proceeds amounted to about \$30.

RT. REV. L. H. WELLS, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Spokane, Washington, will speak in St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 4.30, on the work in his missionary field. The Rector would hereby urge the parishioners to give Bishop Wells a cordial welcome. He will not expect an offering.

THE COMMITTEE for December elected to serve for St. Mary's Church Guild are: Mr. Samuel W. Clifford, Mrs. F. G. Morse, Mrs. W. C. Norcross, Miss Annie Swallow, Mrs. S. N. Sears. The next meeting of St. Mary's Guild wlll be held Thursday evening, Dec. 8, in the Parish House. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will hold its "Christmas Eve" service in St. Mary's on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 4 o'clock. The exercises of the Christmas tree will take place later in the Parish House, where all will assemble after the services in church. Parents and friends are earnestly invited to be present with the children.

THE FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS falls this year upon Sunday. The services of the day will be at the usual hours, excepting that the Holy Communion will be at noon instead of at the early hour. There will be the usual changes in the service to make special emphasis of the great historic fact of the birth of the Saviour.

THE CHRISTIAN VEAR of the church began with Sunday, Nov. 27. The four Sundays in Advent

which precede Christmas are preparatory to that great festival. This season teaches not only of Christ's coming in the flesh for our salvation, but of His second coming to judge the world. This season with its crowning festivals, Christmas and Epiphany, is full of solemn significance for the devout churchman.

St. Andrew's Church

IT WAS PLEASANT to see so many of the members of the other churches of the town at the service on Thanksgiving Day. But it is to be regretted that so few of our own members were present.

ON ACCOUNT of the storm last Sunday, only seven people appeared at the morning service, six women and a boy. Where were the men? In the evening the service was given up.

A MISSIONARY MEETING will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 14, with an address by the Rt. Rev. Lemuel II. Wells, Missionary Bishop of Spokane, Washington, who will describe the work of the church in the far West. All who are interested in missions are cordially invited to be present.

DURING THIS WEEK the Treasurer of the church will send out pledges for the church support during the coming year. It is hoped that we shall have more and larger pledges than last year, in order to meet the increased demands of a growing organization, but that at the same time every one who makes a pledge will do so with the full intention of keeping it up. A pledge to a church is a sacred promise never to be violated except through absolute necessity.

AN AFTERNOON TEA will be given under the direction of the Parish Aid department of the Guild, on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3d, from three to six o'clock, at the house of Mrs. A. E. Sanford, Dover street, corner of Belair avenue. An admission of 25 cents will be charged.

COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Joseph C. Hoppin will lecture in the chapel of Wellesley College, Dec. 5, at 7.30 P. M. Subject: "The American Excavations at the Heraum of Argos." Readers of OUR TOWN are cordially invited to attend this lecture and to extend the invitation to their friends and neighbors, who would be interested in the subject presented.

The College preachers for the month of December are as follows: Professor J. W. Churchill, of Andover, Dec. 4th; Dr. Nathan E. Wood, of Boston, Dec. 11th. The Sunday morning services are as usual open to all friends of the College.

Greatly to the regret of the College it is impossible to extend a general invitation to concerts. Few seats remain in the chapel after provision has been made for the attendance of members of the College and their invited guests, but any other person learning in advance of a concert and desiring to attend it, is cordially invited to address a note to the Secretary of the President, stating the wish in season for a reply. In case a suitable seat can be provided, a ticket of admission to the concert will be sent by mail unless some other way is suggested.

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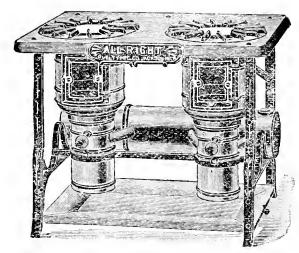
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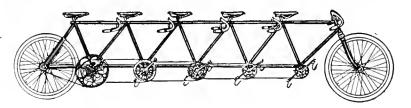


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EDITORIALS

THE CHIEF cause of the misunderstandings and snap judgments which are so common in the world is inability to take another's point of view. Once we have made up our minds just what we want to think, it is apparently very hard for us to readjust our judgments to harmonize with the views of another person. But a willingness to make an attempt at such readjustment is more manifest in these days. It is one of the good signs of the times. attempt needs to be generally made. It will not do for us to content ourselves with saying, "My neighbor must change his views and see things as I do." When we do say that we show oftentimes that there is more for us to do than for the neighbor.

M INISTERS and churches are quite accustomed to being charged with narrowness of vision. The curious thing is that the charge comes most often from those who do not make personal friends with ministers and refuse to go inside of a church. What is actually being preached from the pulpits in these days? Who should know better than the man who never hears a sermon, and prefers the Sunday "Howler" to all literature that is produced by the clergy! The very essence of narrowness is always the refusal to consider truth from another's point of view.

MAT THE evils of denominationalism and sectarian divisions of the Christian church have arisen from narrowness no one wishes to deny. How shall these evils Surely by widening one's be lessened? breadth of vision first of all. The people who are in sympathy with one Christian denomination need to know more accurately than they do the point of view of those of other denominations if they would form truly broad and just opinions of Christian truth. It is for the purpose of giving the different points of view to those who are not familiar

with them that a series of three articles on the Episcopal, Congregational and Unitarian churches is begun in this number. Each of these articles is written independently of the others, and states, entirely without the controversial spirit, what each of these three churches has to say for its own form of belief and methods of working. We shall be glad to know that these articles have helped to a better understanding of the positive elements of Christian faith.

T WOULD be a great relief to the Editors if they could simply do their part and not have to remind the "gentle readers" to do theirs. But those half-dollar eards that were sent'out to about four hundred people in town seem to have gone somewhere else than into the Our Town mail box. If our kind friends would only use the cards, we should be greatly encouraged. We send this number to all the old subscribers as a reminder that new subscriptions are due.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE multiplicity of religious sects, and their differences of belief and practice forms one of the saddest features of the Protestant religion in our land today. And this division of the Christian world is being seriously considered by thoughtful people everywhere; not only from the religious standpoint but also for social and economic reasons, separation and differences in the religious life of the American people are conditions to be deeply deplored. Roman Catholic Church is, theoretically at least, at unity in itself. . We see the contrary of this in the Protestant world. There are what is known as the "Evangelical denominations," or churches—the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Baptists, and the Congregationalists; those also of a more liberal faith, the Universalists and the Unitarians.

What is the position of the Episcopal Church in this matter of separation? Is she in a state of schism or separation? If not, wherein is she right as to her theory and reasonable as to her position among other Christian denominations?

The Episcopalian speaks of his church as the true church, and in doing so has certain definite facts in mind. It is certain to him that historically the church he loves, as to faith and doctrine and forms of worship, is both *primitive* and *avostolic*, and in an ideal

sense is catholic. It is primitive because it dates its beginning from Christ. Jesus said to St. Peter: "Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it," and later, gave commission to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," He then and there tounded IIIs church. The Episcopalian believes, also, that He then and there founded His his church is the true one, because it began with the apostles, they being Christ's coworkers and successors, establishing it by His express command, according to His idea and purpose. Hence, according to the ordering and ministry of the apostles, its continuity as the Episcopal Church has been preserved unbroken and uninterrupted unto this day; that is, for eighteen hundred years it has been the *Apostolic* Church, with a threefold ministry established by the apostles; i. e., bishops (or apostles), presbyters, and deacons. This church has never from the very beginning had other than these three It recognizes no other orders as valid, or as properly authorized to administer the sacraments or to preach the word of God as "this church hath received the same" from Christ. The churchman is convinced then, by the history of the New Testament and that of the Christian church subsequent to the Gospel era, that his is the Λ postolic Church because it is "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." The churchman believes also that his church is "Catholie;" i. c., in idea, and if he be a true lover and follower of Christ he is trying to make his church catholic in fact. The word catholic is not the exclusive property of our Romanist friends. To be a "good Catholic" is as possible for the Episcopalian or any other Christian as it is for the Romanist: for "catholic" in its primitive use and in its derivative sense means simply "general" or "universal"; as applied to the church was inclusive, rather than exclusive, was expressive of charity, as the true spirit of Christ's religion. The position of the Episcopal with reference to other churches is this. She is a part of the great Anglican Communion, which includes the Episcopal Church in America, the English Church, and the Churches of Scotland and Ireland. These churches are a branch of the "One Holy Catholic Church." Like the Mother Church

of England, the Episcopal Church was never in a state of schism. Since the first Christian century she has not separated from any body. There was a time in the history of the Christian Church when there was no Romanist technically so-called. The Roman Catholic Church set up the papacy and, by heresy and schism separated herself full five hundred years after the Catholic Christian Church had become the "household of faith" for civilized Europe in the East and West. There was a time when there was no Presbyterian, no Congregationalist, no Methodist nor Baptist, etc. After the Reformation, which purged the Catholic Church of the corruptions and false doctrines of Mediævalism, the different churches named grew into separate religious systems. These all, and others still later, renounced the orders, sacraments, forms of worship, government and discipline of the Christian church; stood aloof from her, and made the schisms, if schisms there be. What then is the position of the Episcopal Church? She is the true church, and not in a state of separation; for she is Christ's Church, adhering to His doctrine "the pillar and ground of the truth," historic, primitive, catholic, the "Mother of

Wherein is the strength of the church shown? First, in the simplicity and purity of all the articles of the Christian faith, as contained in the Apostles' Creed. Second, in episcopacy, government invested in bishops, created and sustained by the principles of a pure democracy, inherent in the church and state. Third, in a divinely ordered ministry, administering the two sacraments instituted by Christ, "ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution." Fourth, in a liturgical form of worship, as set forth in the "Book of Common Prayer."

The breadth of the church's position is another evidence of her strength. Her comprehensive spirit is her glory. She does not say how much a man shall believe or accept as Christian doctrine or how little. She has set forth in her Articles of Religion and in her great creeds—the spiritual facts in the ideal life of Christ our Lord.

The revelation of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and the essential doctrines flowing from this revelation are in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds. The historical facts of Christ's religion and His divine doctrine are embodied also in the liturgy of the

Prayer Book. They are rehearsed by the devout worshipper as he observes the rotation of the Christian year. In the spirit of wise liberality the Episcopal Church distinguishes between essentials and non-essentials in matters of doctrine. The result is that today men of most extreme views in non-essentials, and great divergence in the interpretation of the Church's doctrines, are worshipping in the "same household of faith." This was not thought to be possible a generation or more ago. We find those sympathizing with the principles and ritual of the Roman Church worshipping and communing with those holding the extreme evangelical views of the Protestant faith. Yet both parties find it the home of their love and both worship the one Father and rejoice in the blessings of a common service of praise and prayer. With this comprehensive spirit in the power of her divine commission, the aim of the church is the unification of Chris-

Her policy, then, is inclusion, not exclusion. She would include in her heavenly fold all those "who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and truth." She would bring into the one great household of the faith, all nations, races and kindreds of the earth. She teaches that separation is sin, that "in union there is strength," joy and peace. Her prayers are within and for the "Church Universal,"—"for all sorts and conditions of men"—that they all may be one in Christ. Therefore, in these resourceful days in our national life, the Episcopal Church has set herself to the task of moulding the discordant elements of modern Christianity into a national church. already imbued the richest blood and best fibre of the nation with the "Church idea." She stands at the fore-front with the best thought and purpose of our time. Her conservatism is firmly rooted in the wisdom of the past. She is also progressive. Her spirit is quick to see the signs of the times, and open to the spiritual possibilities of the future. The Church believes then that hers is a special mission. She is striving to bring the teachings and spirit of Christ the Saviour, to the humblest as well as the greatest of God's children in one great household of faith and love. The Episcopal Church has steadfastly set her face to this ideal as she labors for the salvation of men. And so her outlook toward the future is full of hope.

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COLLEGES AND SETTLEMENTS

[T IS NOT quite a decade since a movement appeared in our women's colleges, slight indeed in hopes, but not slight in aspirations. This was the College Settlements Movement. It did not originate in America, for from Oxford, so rich in similar expressions of collective life, the impulse toward social service of this type had already started, and Toynbee Hall was a fact, though a new one. Yet anyone who knew the beginnings of our movement from within can testify that it was really independent in large measure, proceeding from a questioning spirit of unrest, a sense of social responsibility, a longing, strong in our girls' colleges, for greater freedom to share the privileges all the more valued because recently gained. It was by alumnæ of Smith College that the desire for a house in a poor quarter which might serve as a central expression for the social work and ideals of college women was first formulated. Women from Wellesley and other colleges soon joined the ranks; and in the autumn of '89, the first college settlement in America was opened in Rivington Street, New York. Hull House, Chicago, opened in the same month, was a wholly independent expression of the same impulse in the West. The College Settlements Movement consigned itself then and later to the East. Within a year, the formal College Settlements Association was established in the leading eastern colleges for women; within three years, settlements under the control of this association were flourishing, as they have continued to flourish, in Philadelphia and Boston as well as in New York.

The last settlement bibliography reports eighty settlements in America alone; eighty centres where those conscious of privileges of one kind or another, religious, practical, or purely social, seek to share them with the great unprivileged, industrial throngs who produce those material utilities by which the privileged live. This profoundly democratic and American instinct for reciprocity may take many forms, but college settlements, with their distinct character, bear a special relation both to the colleges and to the community.

No one intimately connected with a women's college can fail to realize the usefulness of the settlement interest there. Colleges tend to become self-centred, absorbed in their own little world of ambitions and relations. The settlement chapter, through the speakers whom it brings, through the ideas it awakens, through the points of eontact it affords between the students and the actual settlement work, helps to keep the larger life of the nation and its needs before the eyes of those who are preparing soon to bear their part in that life, those with whom rests the future. It kindles that sense of social responsibility which must be aroused in those who have received the most from our country, if we are to spiritualize this mighty democracy of ours. It helps make the girls better Americans. The head of the college chapter is a member of the electoral board which controls the settlements. Twice a year she attends a meeting held at some one of the houses, and reports it on her return to her constituency. Students often spend their vacations at one of the houses; groups come in for an occasional evening and furnish entertainment to the most appreciative of audiences; other groups are sometimes taken by some friendly laborleader or resident to gain brief glimpses of sweat-shops or tenement houses; flowers are sent in and often distributed by the students; and friends from the settlement neighborhood, wee children, mothers, workingwomen, boys, as the case may be, are received in the fresh beauty of the college surroundings. Without doing any systematic work, which would be quite wrong during undergraduate days, students can vet gain if they choose an idea more or less vivid of the condition under which an industrial population lives. Such an idea is an inestimably valuable possession, a part of the education which every American woman should receive.

No one can know any one of the three houses controlled by the College Settlement Association without feeling that whatever defects it may have it is full of life, of enthusiasm, of that vigorous impulse to press outward and upward, which preserves an enterprise from becoming a stereotyped reproduction of its own past. It is an inspiration merely to watch from week to week the different groups of people coming into our lovely rooms. Here are the kindergarten ehildren, absorbing unconsciously influences that make for harmony of spirit. Here, a music-school helps to self-expression that wonderful instinct for melody native to the Hebrew race. Here, industrial training in arts and crafts tries to set free the artistic gifts which many of the European nations, Italy, Armenia, and others, can contribute to us if we will refrain from imprisoning those whom they send to our shores in a ceaseless round of mechanical toil. Here, classes of Shakespeare, Dante, or other great imaginative literature, nourish that Celtic craving for the dream and for poetic beauty, which the Irish have so often to suppress when they reach our prosaic land. Practical instruction in household arts for girls and mothers; debating or dramatic clubs for the young men; conferences where labor-leaders and college professors join in friendly interchange of experience; all these and many other activities are fused in any college settlement into a certain unity, despite their heterogeneous character, by the strong fellowship of social hope and faith which holds together those who direct them and those who share. These houses are assuredly a beautiful outcome of the college tradition. Centres placed among the classes occupied with material production, drawing their lifeblood from the classes most dedicated to intellectual pursuits, they may to a peculiar degree bring the distant near to one another, and promote that untrammelled fellowship which is our chief national aim, for they furnish a means that is proving month by month its rare effectiveness, by which the industrial population may be drawn into intellectual and spiritual unity with the rest of the nation. It would be misleading to speak of the College Settlements Movement as if only college people were concerned in it. Their work is largely one of initiative; and as settlements grow, it becomes increasingly evident that the movement must remain a small one or perish altogether, unless the community at large rallies to its support. Women's colleges cannot subscribe money enough to support many settlements. They can furnish life, enthusiasm, guidance, but of money they have little. The sum which the colleges give the settlements every year is generous from the college point of view, but it is quite inadequate to develop the work as it ought to be developed. Since colleges themselves have to be supported partly from without, we need not wonder that the same thing holds true of the settlements which are their Realizing all this, the College offspring. Settlements Association invites all persons interested, men and women, to join its ranks. VIDA D. SCUPDER.

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EXCHANGE. The Pastor will exchange with Rev. G. A. Brock, of Saxonville, on Sunday morning, Jan. 15.

NEW MEMBERS. On Jan. 1, the Church receives into its fellowship Professor and Mrs. A. E. Plount, Miss Annette Blount, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allis, Miss Fannie Allis, and Miss Janet McPherson.

AN ATTRACTIVE BOOK. The Committee in charge of the publication of the History of the Church have produced a volume of 240 pages, handsomely bound in silk cloth or buckram, with gilt tops and uncut edges. As the the cost was inevitably greater than had at first been anticipated, it was found necessary to raise the price to \$1.25. As a matter of loyalty to the church it is hoped that every family in the parish will own a copy for reference.

NEW OFFICERS. At the annual business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, held on Dec. 29th, officers were elected to serve one year as follows: President, Miss Marion Anderson; vice-president, Miss Mabel Walcott; recording secretary, Miss Mabel Dadmun; corresponding secretary, Mr. G. Clinton Fuller; treasurer, Miss Evelyn Robbins; chairmen of committees: Mrs. C. E. Fuller, lookout; Mr. W. L. Russell, Jr., prayer meeting; Miss Ethel Fuller, social; Miss Florence Weston, good literature; Mr. I. H. Farnham, missionary; Miss Mary Wiswall, Sunday school; Miss Katherine Penner, flower; Mr. Bertram Sandstedt, music; Miss Helen M. Withing-

MID-WEEK SERVICE. A new arrangement of topics is to be followed at the Friday evening services hereafter. The subjects for five weeks, beginning with the services of the "Week of Prayer," are as follows:

Jan. 2, Monday. "Prayerful confession." 1 John 1:5-10.

Jan. 3, Tuesday. "The Church universal." I Cor. 12:4-13.

Jan. 4, Wednesday. "What shall we do?" Mark 10:17-22.

(A meeting for young people).

Jan. 5, Thursday. "Joint-heirs with Christ." Romans Š:17.

(A sermon by the Pastor).

Jan. 6, Friday. "Serving the Kingdom." Luke 4:16: 22. Jan. 13, Friday. "Remarkable missionary events of 1898."

Jan. 20, Friday. "God, the Father Almighty." Luke

Jan. 27, Friday. "The effect of home life on character."

Feb. 3, Friday. "The effect of school life on character."

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FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

COMMUNION SERVICE on Sunday morning, Jan. 1. Will not all church members worshipping with us make a special effort to be present at this service?

WEEK OF PRAYER. Tuesday, The Church iversal. Wednesday, Nations and their rulers. universal. Thursday, Foreign missions. Friday, Home Missions.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Tuesday, Jan. 3. Foreign missionary meeting at the house of Mrs. Swift, at 3 P. M. Jan. 10. Topic: The Development of the Spiritual Nature by Home Training. Meeting to be held in the small vestry at 2.30. Jan. 24. Sewing meeting at the house of Mrs. Swift, at 2.30.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. Jan. 1. A Consecration meeting, to be led by the Pastor. An earnest invitation is extended to the whole congregation to be present and participate in the service. Jun. 8. The Master's Great Invitation, Matt. 11:25-30. Jan. 15. Where am I Going? Psalms 119:59. At 7.30, Progress of the Kingdom. Jan. 22. Prayer for students. At 7.30, sermon on Constantine and his Times. Jan. 29. Christian Endeavor Day. Topic: God's Army.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. Jan. 6. Home Missions. Jan. 13. What is it to Dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High and Abide Under the Shadow of the Almighty? Jan. 20. What is the Christian Doctrine of Evolution of Character? How Far is Growth in Grace in Our Own Hands? Jan. 27. When Does One Become a Christian? Right and wrong answers. The Pastor desires that topics for the next three months be handed to him as soon as possible.

CHURCH BENEVOLENCES. As the offerings for the various benevolent organizations are given by the envelope system those who desire to give for such purposes are urged to provide themselves with envelopes, which may be found on a table in the church, near the door. Only the offerings that are placed in these envelopes are devoted to the causes specified. Jan. 1. Foreign missions. Jan. 8. Home missions. Jan. 15. A. M. A. Jan. 22. Education Society. Jan. 29. Ministerial Aid.

THE ANNUAL MEETING. The church voted unanimously to adopt the individual communion cups. It elected as new officers Mr. Welland F. Sargent for deacon, Mrs. J. W. Peabody and Mrs. W. O. Robson for deaconesses, and Mr. J. K. Richardson on the Prudential Committee. All other officers were re-elected. The business meeting was preceded by a supper, provided by the ladies of the church, at which reports were presented from the various organizations connected with the church.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

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REV. ALBERT B. VORSE, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

ON SUNDAY, Jan. 1, the communion service will follow the regular morning service.

WE ARE VERY HAPPY to state that the sale held early in December netted between three and four hundred dollars.

DURING MR. VORSE'S illness, Dr. Young of Waltham has occupied the pulpit, and will continue to do so until further notice is given.

THE BRANCH ALLIANCE of this Society holds its meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, at 3.00 P. M., in the church parlor. The meeting for Dec. 27th was omitted, coming as it did so close upon the holiday season.

A READY and generous response to a call for garments, underclothing, and even boots, made it possible to send for distribution into homes where they were needed, barrels of articles donated by our parish, which the people of B. P. Chapel are acquainted with. Let us add that Mrs. Vorse, in spite of illness, was there, with a heart overflowing with her love for the children, and our only regret was the enforced absence of our Pastor, whom we are glad to hear however is comfortable, and we look forward to having him with us as soon as his strength will permit

THE CHILDREN of our Sunday School entertained twenty poor children connected with the B. P. Chapel on Friday, Dec. 23d, it being the day for our Christmas festival. A beautiful tree in the church parlor was laden with gifts for the little guests, taken from the stores of our own children's toys, with new ones added. And from three until almost seven happiness reigned supreme, and the little girls and boys went back to their home with cheer in their hearts and not empty handed, but carrying with them the many gifts. Ice cream and cake were served to all, and to our own children as well, a present of candy was given, and we feel it due them to say that they were model hosts and hostesses, and their enjoyment was as great as that of their guests.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WHLHAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer. 12.00 Sunday School. 7.15 Evening Prayer.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

SATURDAY

2.00 Ministering Children's League.

7.30 Girls' Friendly Society.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY. New books have been added to the library and a bookcase has been purchased. A catalogue will soon be issued.

CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB. All who have periodicals which they are willing to send to some one else, after they have finished reading them, are asked to hand their names to Miss Bennett, Dana Hall.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE. Mrs. Thomas Watt has consented to take the post of Branch Secretary. The meetings will be held at her house on Wednesday afternoons, after school. The children will work for the Home of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, Maine.

HYMNALS WITH MUSIC. Fifty hymnals with music have been distributed in the pews, and it is hoped that the congregation will join more heartily in the singing now that they have the notes of the hymns before them. It will be possible to learn some of the new hymns.

ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of the parish for the election of officers, hearing of reports, and transacting any other business of interest to the parish will be held in the chapel on Monday, Jan. 9, at eight o'clock. All members of the parish are urgently requested to be present.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCILTY. Instead of the usual meeting on Christmas Eve, the Society joined with the children in their Christmas tree celebration. The Chaplain and the Branch Secretary received handsome gifts, for which they were both exceedingly gratified.

As there are several new members to be admitted, the initiation service will be held Sunday, Jan. 22, after evensong, which is the nearest date to the second anniversary of the opening of the Society.

MISSIONS. The Epiphany season which emphasizes the truth of the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles is particularly appropriate for the consideration of the subject of missions. The Woman's Auxiliary will organize for the winter at the house of the Rector on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 3. The Sunday School will hold a missionary service on Jan. 15, in which it is probable that the Sunday Schools of St. Mary's, Newton Lower Falls, and St. Paul's, Natick, will unite with us. Sunday evening, Jan. 29, Mr. Stanton II. Key, of Sailor's Haven, Charlestown, will speak on the work of the Church for sailors.

St. Mary's Church

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REV. II. USHER MONRO, RECTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, 8.45 A. M.

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AT THE USUAL service on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 25th, the sacrament of Infant Baptism was administered to Thomas Colbum Norcross.

THE ST. MARY'S GUILD will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, Jan. 12. The Committee is working for an interesting program. All are urged to be present.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL held a most interesting Christmas festival on Saturday. Dec. 24th. The church was illuminated with candles, after the manner of fifty years ago. After an appropriate service, the scholars and their friends assembled in the Parish House for the exercises of the tree. All the members of the school were remembered with gifts.

MR. JOHN BATCHELDER has retired from the position of choir master and organist, after five years of faithful service. He has won the respect of all the parishioners and the love of the boys, to whom he has always been a devoted friend. We wish him every success in his new field of labor.

THE RT. REV. LEMUEL H. WELLS, D. D. Bishop of Spokane, visited St. Mary's on Dec. 11th, and gave a very practical address on his missionary work in Washington; also the special features of it which need support from Christian people in the East.

THE BOY'S Fortnightly Club of St. Mary's held its second meeting at the Rectory on Tuesday evening, Dec. 20. A largenumber were initiated into the mysteries of the Club. It is proposed to have only a limited number of the boys. The officers for three months are: President, Edward Temple; vice-president, Ronald Beck; secretary, Ralph Beck; treasurer, Augustus Wiswall. The members are George B. Spring, Harold Leslie, Harry Burnett, Harry Mabey, Frank Baker, Augustus Wiswall, James Bancroft, Jack Connolly, Walter Flynn, Walter McLean, Edward Temple, Ralph Beck, Ronald Beck.

THE RECTORY CLUB is composed of the young men in the parish over fifteen years of age. There are at present fifteen members. The Club has for its object the intellectual and social improvement of its members. They meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The Club will generally meet at the rectory. At the meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 27, the President's Messige was under discussion. Topics are handed in by the members, and one is drawn by ballot for the succeeding evening's discussion. The officers chosen in December to serve six monihs are: Pres., Rev. H. U. Monro; vice-pres., Chester C. Spring; secy. and treas., George H. Burnett. Next meeting will be held Jan. 10, at rectory.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

- College will reopen on Jan. 8th, after the three weeks of Christmas vacation. Thursday, Jan. 26, will be observed as the Day of Prayer for colleges.
- Announcement is made of a recent scholarship gift, \$3,000 in amount, from the late Sarah J. Holbrook, of Holbrook, Mass.
- A Christmas vesper service was held on the Sunday evening previous to the closing of College, the music being under the efficient charge of Signor Rotoli. The second meeting of the Wagner Club took place on the following Monday evening; and an interpretation, by lecture and music, of the "Meistersinger" was given by members of the German department.
- The College calendar for the academic year 1898-99 has recently been issued, containing full information as to officers of government and instruction, requirements for admission, the certificate right, courses of study, and other matters of importance. The description of courses offered in air and music is particularly interesting, both of these departments having received new impetus under their recent reorganization.

Regarding the yearly session of the College, statement is made that "the academic year consists of 35 weeks, exclusive of vacations, and begins on the Wednesday following the 14th of September. June 27 will be the date of Commencement this year, this being somewhat later than usual.

— Advance pages of President Irvine's report for the current year show many interesting facts in connection with the College. The faculty numbers are stated as follows: Professors, to; associate professors, to; instructors, 34; librarians, 3; health officers and director of the gymnasium, 3. Student numbers for the year ending last June are: Resident candidates for the M. A. degree, 22; for the B. A. degree, 620; non-candidates for degrees, 23. The degree of B. A. was conferred upon 146 candidates in June.

Further statistics given in the report show that in the attendence last year thirty-eight states were represented. Massachusetts, as usual, sending the largest number, New York and Pennsylvania coming next. Eleven other states north of the Mississippi certribute one-third, and thirteen states west of the Mississippi contribute eight per dent. The average age of the students list year was as follows: Seniors, 23 years, 1 month; Juniors, 21 years, 7 menths: Sophomores, 20 years, 10 months: Freshmen, 20 years; special students, 24 years, 3 months.

The health record for the year just passed is excellent. Withdrawals for all reasons do not amount to quite three per cent of the whole attendance, and withdrawals on account of physical disability are not quite one-half of one per cent of the entire number. The Freshman class has lost but three members during the year, and only one by reason of ill-health. This happy result is felt to be largely due to the cateful scrutiny of the physical condition of Freshman at the time of their admission.

It also appears, from the report, that for the last three years about forty-five per cent of the Freshman class has been admitted by examinations which have been held in June, in cities where there have been candidates for admission. A comparison of figures for the last three years shows that local examinations have thus been held in twelve cities each year.

THE WELLESLEY CLUBS

The Wellesley Hills Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will be addressed on Jan. 4th, by Miss Marie Ware Laughton. Subject: "The Voice in Conversation and Public Speaking." On Jan. 18th, the speaker will be Mr. Gamaliel Bradford, Jr., and the subject "An Old English Gossip. Samuel Pepys." The hour is 2.30 P. M., and the price of admission for non-members is 35 cents. All are welcome whether young or old, men or women.

In view of statements made to the effect that there are cases of poverty in this town which do not become known to those who might help, and also that there are fraudulent cases which are helped overmuch, the Club have appointed a Charity Organization Committee who will look into the question and make such efforts as seem practicable to meet the needs. This Committee will not interfere with church, or town, or private benevolence, but they will try to serve as a medium of communication for those who wish on the one hand to save waste and demoralization, and on the other hand to extend help to all who are in need.

The Committee are Mrs. William O. Robson, Mrs. William C. Norcross, and Mrs. Albert Jennings. They invite the hearty co operation of all the citizens of Wellesley, since it is evident that the value of their work must depend upon such co-operation.

Wellesley Boys' Club

The members of the Club invite their friends and fellow-citizens to a play entitled "The Two Puddifoots," which will be given in the chapel of the Wellesley Congregational Church, on Saturday evening, December 31st, at eight o'clock. Tickets, twenty-five cents. There will be music by a boy's orchestra. The proceeds will help furnish the Club with necessary equipment for the coming year.

The Tuesday Club

During the present winter the Tuesday Club is devoting itself to a study of Spanish history and her ceded colonies. Papers have been given on "The Influence of the Moors" and "The Story of the Cid." Mr. Edward Sawyer of Newton has given the Club a paper on "Mexico." Subjects for future meetings are "The Inquisition," "Spain in the Netherlands," "The Conquests of Mexico and Pern," "The Revolution of 1868," "Spanish Literature," Mr. Frederick Roy Martin, editor of the Providence Journal, will address the Club on Jan. 24th on "Porto Rico," and an evening of stereopticon pictures of Spanish architecture is anticipated.

The Maugus Club

Officers elected at the annual meeting: President, Edward Lawrence; vice-president, Noah A. Plympton; secretary, Arthur E. Brown; treasurer, Henry M. Putney; executive committee, John D. Hardy, J. Winthrop Edmunds, Geo. E. Johnson, Edward D. Emerson, Victor J. Loring.

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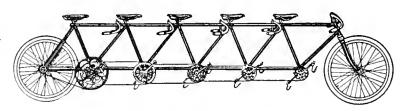
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REV. ALBERT BUEL VORSE

I E, the fellow pastors of the churches in Wellesley, wish to record here our tribute of affection and esteem for our brother in the ministry. In all good works for the welfare of the community and for the advancement of righteousness and goodwill he was ever and heartily ready to co-operate. As a brother editor in Ora Tows we found him earnestly in sympathy with its ideal of religious and fraternal fel-Lwship. Holding loyally to his own religions opinions, no word ever came from his lips that was antagonistic or divisive. Two acticles from his pen, one on "Public Spirit," (April, 1991), and the other on "Wo ship," (Nov.), fairly illustrate the spirit by which he was ever animated. In the one he said of the ideal citizen: "His heart is set on doing right and as God gives him to see the right' he will incline to walk." In the other he voiced the religious experience of one who had "seasons when in that house of worship she felt her better impulses quickened, when her faith took firmer hold on the great themes of the spiritual life, times when the presence of her Father in heaven unfolded into more of a reality, times when clearer apprehension come of His being and love and directing Providence." In these two passages spoke the citizen and the minister. And when such a citizen and such a minister. has for over a quarter of a century woven his life into the life of a community, his spirit and influence for good will never depart. We rejoice in the good testimony of this faithful, gentle, and gracious life. We sorrow with those who are bereaved by the earthly sundering of human ties. We sorrow for our own loss of a father in the ministry and a personal friend.

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THE INFLUENCE OF A QUIET LIFE

"Calm the village lay in midnight silence,

Deep on the streets and roofs the snow lay white; Then I saw an angel spread his pinions

Rising up to Heaven to meet the night."

N Saturday evening, January twentyfirst, Albert Buel Vorse, the deeplyloved pastor of the Unitarian parish of Wellesley Hills, passed into rest after sixtyeight years of tranquil, carnest life, devoted with beautiful and tender humility to the

happiness of others.

Probably few other New England villages have experienced in so marked a degree what the influence of so quiet a life may be; how far-reaching, broadening, uplifting. With no thought of this, no purpose to be deemed a power or a dominant force in the community, he yet did so become, wholly through his spirit of unfailing loyalty to whatever is highest in human thought and life. In speaking of him now, mere figures, periods, dates, events, would seem intrusive. It would be hard to recall when he was not part of our village life and close to the heart of it; and he will continue a part of that life while memory holds.

With what affection many of us recall the picture of the simple little wooden chapel in which we used to worship in what now seems the long ago, before the present beautiful church building took its place. Many of the devoted souls that made that first modest meeting place possible are still faithful workers here, and some have gone before waiting to welcome the spirit of him who has just left us. It is a happy thought that though he parted from so many loving hearts here, he found eager souls waiting for him there.

One Sunday, years ago, sitting in that first simple little chapel, a loving child turned to her father and softly whispered: "Father, when Mr. Vorse is in the pulpit, I always seem to see a halo around his head." And when the gentle minister heard what the little child had said, he answered: halo is only in the dear child's heart." typical is this of the sweet and beautiful humility that colored his every thought and word and act. No man was ever more utterly unconscious of his influence than he. It reminds one of the fable of the wind and the sun. The wind was noisy and blustering, but its power was evanescent and futile compared with the gentle and unceasing warmth of the sun. It was the unfailing warmth in

his heart that added so much to the influence of his quiet life.

There are ministers and preachers. Rarely does one man meet the requirements of both at their best. By far the higher, more Christ-like mission is that of the minister, and herein was he a tower of strength, a very present help in time of trouble. His very presence radiated peace, comfort, faith, hope.

Which of us, knowing him as he was, all these years, can recall his face, now that he has gone from us, and not feel at once the influence of that singularly tranquil something, which we cannot name? His smile was inspiration. His voice rang true. To be insince, e was a thing impossible to him.

Frummond says, "Love is the greatest thing in the world." Hale expresses the same thought in saying that "Love is the whole." Our old familiar bymn says, "God is love." Love, then, is the spirit of all that is highest in human nature, for where real love exists it fills all and there is left no room for whatever is mean or selfish, or false. And was there ever a heart and soul more full, pressed down and running over with love than his?

"We must not doubt, or fear, or dread that love for life is only given,
And that the calm and sainted dead will meet estranged and cold in heaven:—
O, love were poor and vain indeed
Based on so stern and harsh a creed.

But love is no such soulless clod: fiving, perfected it shall rise

Transfigured in the light of God, and giving glory to the skies:

And that which makes this life so sweet Shall render Heaven's joy complete "

Does it seem like landation to speak thus of the great wealth of love that filled his soul? Not so to us whose happy fortune it has been to come into close and helpful touch with his daily life. The words only state a simple truth felt by all who truly knew him. He could think no evil—He could do no wrong to the least of God's children. He loved his neighbor as himself, and the whole human brotherhood were his neighbors.

And so as he lived he died,—passing peacefully beyond: crossing the bar without storm or stress, still the devoted pastor of the parish that had profited by the best years of his unselfish life. And in his own loved church, surrounded by his own people and loved ones, the last rites were paid while

our hearts echoed the tender tributes on his memory laid.

"Every heart was bowed in loving honor, Every heart with loving awe was thrilled; Earth and things of earth were all forgotten: He was there—and meaner thoughts were stilled."

SHALL WE INTRODUCE "SLOYD"?

THE advisability of introducing into our public schools that system of manual training known as Sloyd seems to be attracting a great deal of attention in Wellesley. The Woman's Club has appointed a committee to consider the matter, and the Wellesley Club at its January meeting invited Professor Gustaf Larsson, of Boston, to address it on the subject. Thus far all who have investigated Sloyd seem to be convinced of its great educational value and the only serious obstacle to its adoption appears to be the difficulty of providing for it in an already crowded curriculum.

It will interest those who did not hear Prof. Larsson to know the substance of his address. He began by stating that "Sloyd is an educational movement based upon universally accepted educational principles. It is not a certain set of exercises with certain tools. It is not satisfied by setting boys to sawing or planing. It wants to know what the boy is thinking about while he is sawing and planing. Has he been doing work which gratifies his taste, which trains his eye to see beauty of line, form, and proportion, and which awakens his natural enthusiasm?"

Prof. Larsson emphasized in various ways the difference between Sloyd and manual training, inasmuch as Sloyd has as its goal mental and ethical development primarily, while the ideal of manual training is first of all skill of hand. "All Sloyd is manual training," he said, "but all manual training is not Sloyd,"—that is, manual training, as generally understood, is industrial rather than educational, and individualizing rather than broadening in its effect. Gen. Francis A. Walker held the same position when he said of the effect of manual training on childhood, "I care very little for its influence upon eye or hand. Its chief work in my view is educational; and in that educational work I place foremost its power of rectifying the mind itself." And Prof. Tyler in his recent lectures has said that if we introduce manual work into our grammar schools merely in order to fit boys for a trade we

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are committing irreparable injury; but if this work is, instead, intended and employed to enlarge the boy, develop his brain power, and his general capacity, then it is invalu-And it was these principles which Prof. Larsson declared when he said: "A good mechanic, unless he is a student of child life, cannot teach Sloyd. An exhibition of fine work does not prove the worth of a Sloyd teacher. We must know not only what work has been done but why it was done and how, (in what spirit), to estimate its true value." That is, to know the value of Sloyd we need to see not the finished piece of work, but the boy working. What is the boy becoming by his work? is the test question. "Work that represents fifty per cent teacher, forty per cent machinery, and ten per cent boy is not Sloyd. The purpose of the work is ethical rather than technical."

Prof. Larsson's definition is interesting. "Sloyd may be briefly defined as tool work so arranged and employed as to stimulate and promote vigorous, intelligent, self-activity for a purpose which the worker recognizes. is good." We would emphasize the words "for a purpose." Eisewhere Prof. Larsson has said "Sloyd is based on the idea that the spontaneous exercise of the creative faculty for a useful and good end is a moral tonic and that the mere acquisition of skill is not necessarily so." In the conversation which followed the address the speal er illustrated this essential idea of Sloyd by comparing two pieces of work, one of which represented exercises in certain kinds of tool work (straight sawing, planing, etc.), the other was a completed and useful object, made with the same class of tools. That is, in Sloyd the pupil is given something to make which he can make, which is worth making, which will arouse his interest, and finally be his own, to leep or give away as he pleases. Children like to make things. Leave them alone with hammer and nails and a rusty old knife within reach and be sure they will proceed to make something. This creative desire is instinctive. Is it not indeed divine? And whatever is in line with it, whatever part of the child's training appeals to this creative capacity has a very strong argument in its favor. So Dr. Henderson says: "The particular merit of the new education, represented by kindergarten, Sloyd, and manual training lies in this, that they proceed psychologically. They recognize the

child's desire as the source of action and effort, and build upon that."

In a few moments of question and answer following his paper, Mr. Larsson spoke of the good physical effects of Sloyd, its value equally for girls and boys, since it is mainly educational rather than technical, and its value as a mental stimulus. In answer to the question whether extra time would be needed for this work, he said that its mental value is so great that it can be introduced into the regular curriculum (by shortening the periods of other studies) without lessening the amount accomplished in other He recommended at least two studies. hours a week. Classes should not number more than twenty. Λ complete outfit for such a class (benches, tools, etc.) would cost about \$350. It should be introduced in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. Larsson concluded by inviting the gentlemen of the Club to visit him at his school, 39 North Bennett St., Boston. P. T. F.

ART IN THE SCHOOL ROOM

WHILE it may be true that the time-honored red schoolhouse of New England, with its bare walls and whittled benches, has sent out many a boy and girl who have risen to great usefulness and an honored name, we have come to believe that such results were produced in spite of the barrenness and not because of it. There is no virtue in ugliness. Perhaps there may be found therein a distinct cause of vice.

A movement has been well started in recent years to beautify the rooms of our public schools with works of art. Mr. Ross Turne, of Salem, has been one of the leaders in this movement. Himself an artist of fine talent, he has appreciated deeply the value to any young person of constant association with the product of genuine artistic genius. And his suggestions have been widely received in many places and have borne fruit in many beautiful school rooms and noble school buildings.

The idea, says Mr. Turner, is not to make a school room pretty or to put pleasant things on the walls. It is to make the room interesting and a constant inspiration, to express the best thought through art. The intention is not to make children actists, but to help them to appreciate art in their maturer years. Two or three large art museums may be enough for a state, but every schoolhouse might well be a small museum. A regular

system of art education might start from the Boston Art Museum and go out through the whole state.

As a people we need this art training. Professor Morse, of Salem, an expert in Japanese art, declares that the American people, as a rule, lack skill and are clumsy with the fingers. The average Japanese school boy, he claims, easily excels our men in drawing. Most Japanese are accomplished draughtsmen.

What we need is more creative talent. Our designers are too intent on imitation. There should be schools of design in every manufacturing center like the one in Lowell.

The practical suggestion Mr. Turner makes is to stimulate the taste for art by hanging upon the school-room walls fine reproductions of great paintings, and by placing here and there in the school buildings wellexecuted busts of great characters. Cultivate the patriotic side, and have in every room a portrait or bust which is distinctively American. Never put anything into a school room which is not first-class.

A beginning has been made in this direction in the Wellesley schools. As a direct result of Mr. Turner's remarks to the Wellesley Club, and Mr. Perrin's invitation which followed, several gentlemen have offered to pay for the framing of pictures for school There is abundant opportunity purposes. for further generosity. And it will surely be a matter of pride to every citizen that barren and uninviting school rooms no longer put a premium on truancy.

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CHARITY ORGANIZATION

THERE has been growing and gaining strength in our community for some time, a feeling that it would be wise and helpful to have some kind of organization which should promote charitable work among our own poor, and by which such work should be protected from fraud and imposition. This sentiment quietly crept into the deliberation of the directors of the Woman's Club at their first meeting in the new year, and took visible shape at the next regular meeting of the Club, January fourth, in the appointment of a committee of three to investigate existing conditions in the town.

If, as anticipated, such need should be found, this committee had power to increase the number of its members, and organize in such way as seemed expedient, in order to

meet this demand. As a preliminary step an informal conference was called, comprising several representatives of the Woman's Club, the selectmen, and the clergymen of the town. The need of such organization and its value as an active factor in town work were readily acknowledged. Valuable information concerning the condition of the poor and existing methods of relief was elicited; plans of work were freely discussed, and the co-operation of town and church was generally pledged to the new enterprise.

Thus encouraged, a more permanent arrangement of the Committee has been effected, with eight additional members, the adoption of a brief code of by-laws and a general girding on of armor for work. An Advisory Board of elergymen, town officers, teachers, and physicians has been appointed, which will, it is hoped, greatly facilitate the work by counsel and suggestion. Agents in each district of the town are also appointed, who will investigate, visit, and report. A department for receiving and distributing clothing is already established. A free bed in the Newton Cottage Hospital is greatly needed, and the Commettee has promised its aid.

At a recent public meeting in New York for the discussion of scientific charity, Mrs. Josephine Shaw Lowell said: "It is best always to learn what is the matter before you try to set it eight. It prevents the great moral evils resulting from the temptations offered the poor by indisc iminate charity. To save them from the destruction of their moral natures by pauperization, it is worth while to take any amount of trouble to mvestigate."

This work the new committee will try to do, and they hope by careful and judicious effort and the real doing of real work, so to win the confidence of our citizens that any appeal coming from them will be honored at sight.

Following is the organization as it exists

at present:

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Mrs. Parris T. Farwell, Secretary.

Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, Treasurer.

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Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.3.30 Junior C. E. Society.6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUFSDAY

3.00 Woman's Union,

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

HOME MISSIONS. The annual contribution to the Congregational Home Missionary Society will be made on Feb. 26.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will hold its regular meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 17, at 8.30 o'clock, in the chapel, to meet all who desire to come into the fellowship of the church at the March Communion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The annual meeting of the Sunday School will be held on Monday evening, Feb. 6. Officers, teachers, adult scholars, and adult members of the church are qualified to vote.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL. On Wednesday evening, Feb. 8, the young people are invited to a social in the Chapel. The program includes impersonations of the various presidents of the United

LENTEN ADDRESSES. On Sunday evening, Feb. 19, the Pastor will begin a special series of six Sunday evening addresses on the general topic of "The Triumphs of Christian Faith." The separate subjects will be announced on the Calendar.

THE LITERARY COMMITTEE of the Local Church Department of the Woman's Union has made plans for a series of afternoons with artists and authors. The first program, given on Feb. 1, included a paper on "Elihu Vedder," readings from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, and an exhibition of Vedder's paintings. There was an attendance of over thirty. Most of the women brought their sewing. The unanimous verdiet was that the plan was a success. Music will form an important part of future programs. All the women of the congregation are cordially invited to attend.

FEBRUARY TOPICS for Friday evening services will be as follows: Feb. 10, "Resources for missionary work"; Feb. 17, "The significance and value of observing Lent"; Feb. 24, "Jesus Christ, the only Son, our Lord"; March 3, "The miracles of Jesus."

ANNUAL STATISTICS. Membership Jan. 1, 1898, 278. Added during 1898: by letter, 6; on confession of faith, 2. Removed during 1898: by letter, 9; by death, 4; dropped, 2. Added in January, 1899, 7, making the present total, 278. Total benevolences for 1898, \$979.78. \$1,200 was paid on the principal of the debt on account of the Church Extension. There remains \$550 still to be paid, of which \$260 is already provided for.

First Congregational Church in Unclessey Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

3.00 Junior Christian Endeavor.

4.00 Adult Bible Classes.

7.00 Union Service in charge of V. P. S. C. E.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

MORNING SERVICES. The Pastor will continue the series of studies from the twelfth chapter of Romans.

THE MINISTERIAL AID FUND of the National Council. About \$30 have been contributed for this fund. The Pastor will be glad to receive enough to raise the amount to \$50.

"OUR TOWN." We have appointed Miss Ruth Hodgkins to secure subscriptions in Wellesley Hills. It is hoped that a copy of the paper may be in every house. The price charged does not cover the cost of publication.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. We are to begin a new course of studies during this month. The subject for the year before us will probably be "The Life of Christ," The Pastor desires that all teachers keep a record of the faithfulness with which scholars write out the answers to the questions in the quarterly. At the close of the year some adequate notice will be taken of those who have done the work well.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Feb. 7. Home Missionary meeting at the Parsonage at 3 P. M. Address on City Missions by Miss Jennie L. Pratt, a Boston City Missionary. Feb. 14, at 2.30 P. M., at the small vestry. Subject: "The relative importance of physical, mental and spiritual development." Feb. 28. All day sewing meeting at the Paisonage. Basket lunch. Business meeting at 3 P. M.

EVENING SERVICES. Feb. 5, "Idle in the market place." Matt. 20:1-16. "Are you a worker in the Kingdom of God or an idler?" Feb. 12, brief service at 7.00; Praise Service at 7.30. Topic: "Oratorio Music." Feb. 19, Prayer Service, at 7.00, followed at 7.30 by an address on "Missions in Alaska," by Rev. Dr. Geo. M. Boynton of the Sunday School Society. A collection will be taken for the cause. Feb. 26, service at 7.00, followed by sermon at 7.30, on "Augustine and other early Christian writers."

FRIDAY EVENINGS. Feb. 10, What is meant in the Sixth Beatitude by seeing God? Matt. 5:8. Feb. 17, How shall we fulfil the command "Thou shalt love?" Matt. 12:28-34. The Committee of the church will remain in the vestry at the close of the meeting. Those who desire to unite with the church at the March Communion are invited to meet with the Committee at this time. Any who bring letters from other churches may present them to the Pastor at any time. Feb. 24, Abraham. "Faith." What is perfect faith in God? Wherein have we failed in attaining it? Heb. 11:8-19.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812 REV. H. USHER MONRO, Rector Religious Services SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School. 10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M. All other Sundays, Special Festivals, 9.00 A. M.

Choir rehearsals, Tuesdays and Fridays.

THE CHURCH GUILD will hold its last meeting before Lent on Thursday evening, Feb. 9. The parishioners and friends are all cordially invited to attend.

MR. JOHN PLEASANTS, choir-master of the Church of the Advent, Boston, has accepted the position of choir-master in St. Mary's. Mr. A. S. Morse has also been secured as organist. There is every promise that the music of the choir will be kept up to the standard of former years. Mr. Pleasants was the choir-master here five years ago, and was much respected by all the parishioners. He was cordially welcomed by the young men in the choir who were formerly his boys.

THE FORTNIGHTLY CLUB, composed of the boys in the parish, had a very pleasant meeting in the Parish House on Tuesday evening, Jan. 31. The boys invited the Boys' Club of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Waban, to be the guests of the evening. There was a tug of war, with several amusing games and refreshments. Mrs. C. H. Spring, Mrs. Clifford, and Miss Eva Wiswall presided over the festivities to the great pleasure of all present.

THE RECTORY CLUB will hold its last meeting before Lent on Feb. 7, at the Rectory. The subject of "Single Tax" has been the question under discussion for two meetings. During the season of Lent the meetings of the Club will be devoid of the usual social features and devoted to discussions and readings. The Club has been very popular and successful, and is limited to twenty members.

LENT begins this year on Wednesday, Feb 15th. The day is known in the ecclesiastical kalendar as Ash Wednesday. The parishioners are urged to bear in mind the solemn purpose of this season. They should attend all the services as appointed; mind to come to the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Christ as frequently as possible; live soberly, godly and quietly; to seek the grace of God in the sacraments and services of the church; to abstain from worldly pleasures and places of amusement. Let every one endeavor to be true to the church's teaching and to the best convictions of duty to God, so that God's blessing may rest upon us and be imparted to others by a faithful keeping of Lent. Services in Lent will be as follows:

Ash Wednesday:

Service and Holy Communion at 10.30 A. M.

Evening Service at 7.30 P. M.

Tuesdays in Lent, 4.30 P. M.

Fridays in Lent, 7.30 P. M.

Special festivals:

Service and Holy Communion at 9.00 A. M.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS began last week, after the Day of Prayer, and the second semester of college work will open Feb. 13. The annual Glee Club concert will, as usual, occur about the middle of the month.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS. It is announced that the central lights of the two transepts have been already taken as memorials. In one ex-Governor Claffin will place a window designed by Tiffany, in memory of the late Mrs. Claffin. In the other the Class of '86 will place a memorial to Professor Eben Hotsford.

MANY INTERESTING EVENTS have occurred in the college life during the last month. Bishop Lawrence preached here on Sunday, January 8. A delightful song recital was given on the evening of the 9th, by Miss Gertrude May Stein, contralto, assisted by Mrs. Isabel Munn White, accompanist; and a second enjoyable concert was that given by Madame Helen Hopekirk, Jan. 23. Dr. George Santayana, of Harvard University, lectured in the chapel Monday evening. January 16, on "Imagination and Mysticism in Themselves and in Emerson," the lecture being followed with a reception given by the philosophy department. Another lecture of interest was delivered Jan. 30, by Mr. Gardiner, instructor at Harvard, on "The Influence of Tyndale's Translation of the Bible on English Prose Style;" a reception was given afterwards by Miss Hart and Miss Eaton of the English department. The French play, "L'Amour Médecin," presented Jan 21, by students in that language, was a pronounced success. Professor Carla Wenckebach lectured on the "Walküre" at the meeting of the Wagner Club, January 17, musical illustrations being given by Miss Margarethe Müller. This Club, which now numbers about one hundred, grows steadily in popular favor.

SERVICES, ON THURSDAY, January 27, the Day of Prayer for Colleges, were conducted by Rev. Amory H. Bradford, D. D., of Montclair, N. J., who preached a strong sermon from Isaiah 63:1, last clause.— the One "mighty to save." "There is one shining fact in all the history of the last two thousand vears," said Dr. Bradford, "There has been one man in this world whose only excuse for being here has been the fact that he came to bring benefit and blessing. The power that makes for righteousness is one that meets us wherever we study the history of the past. And do we not find, when we face facts, that we are saved from our evil condition just in proportion as we are willing to be? The sublimest, most satisfying ideal ever presented to a human being is the ideal presented by Jesus Christ. . . The great word of this century has been spoken by the Czar of Russia. If there is any one man in this world who is living the life of Jesus, it is Count Tolstoi: and I have read nothing in all history that has so thrilled me as the record of the visit of the Czar to the Count in peasant robes. . . To all the suffering, the sinning, the lonely, the broken-hearted, there is One mighty to save; the only condition is willingness on our parts, for He has said: 'Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." Dr. Bradford spoke at Dana Hall in the afternoon, and again at the College prayer service in the evening.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871 Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tues-

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE WORK of the Junior Alliance during the month of January has been devoted wholly to the making of garments in the interest of the Floating Hospital. The work continues with unabating earnestness, and many children will be comfortably gowned on their summer outing, through the industry of our little workers.

THE PASTOR of the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills, Rev. Albert Buel Vorse, died at the parsonage on Jan. 21, 1899, after an illness of two months. Mr. Vorse was born in Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 27, 1831. A graduate of Bucknell College; studied law at Easton, Pa., and was admitted to the bar. After a year entered the Unitarian Divinity School, at Meadville, graduating in 1863. Pastorates at Sandwich, Mass., Littleton, Needham, and Wellesley Hills. Mr. Vorse has been identified with the life of our town over twenty-eight years.

That his quiet, genial influence has made a deep impression on the community no one can doubt who saw the large gathering filling the Unitarian Church on Tuesday, January 24; gathered to give silent expression to the loving regard in which all held this pure and earnest man.

The service was opened by Rev. Charles G. Ames, D. D., of the Church of the Disciples, Boston, who read selections from the Scriptures, and in his own words also gave expression to the faith in the immortality of the soul, the beauty of the holy life completed, comfort for the living, and love for him "who was away." Following Dr. Ames, Mr. Farwell spoke tenderly of the message of love and sympathy he brought from his society to ours

Rev. Dr. Young offered the closing prayer. The congregation joined in the Portuguese hymn and were dismissed by the benediction.

As they passed in mute farewell, all must have felt how peaceful was the rest of such a soul, even as the quiet of his bodily test among the flowers he loved. all trib ites from Diving friends. There was the wreath symbol of unity, the cross made sweet with violets, and the ascension lilies speaking of the immortal awakening. Everything spoke of the beauty of death among friends loved so long. Nothing was missing save that which has comforted sorrowing hearts for over a quarter of a century

> "The touch of the vanished hand And the sound of the voice which is still."

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891 REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer 12.00 Sunday School. 7.15 Evening Prayer. Holy Communion First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M. Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. Mrs. Geo. H. Lowe entertained the Society at her home in Wellesley Hills, on Saturday evening, Jan. 14. On Sunday, Jan. 22, two associates and three members were initiated after even-song.

EVEN-SONG ADDRESSES. The course of addresses on the Beatitudes, which are being delivered at even-song on Sundays, will be continued through February, to be followed in March probably by a course on the "Sermon on the Mount."

AFTERNOON TEA. An afternoon tea and musicale will be held at the house of the Rector under the auspices of St. Andrew's Guild, on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 11, from 3 to 6. Admission and refreshments free. Candy and chocolate cake for sale. A general invitation is extended to all the members of the parish and their friends.

CHURCH OFFICERS. At the annual meeting held Jan, 22, all the officers of last year were reelected. Messrs. Lauderburn, Lowe, and Sanford were appointed as delegates to the diocesan convention in May. The Treasurer gave an interesting report of the finances, showing that the church is in a prosperous condition with a good outlook.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. Meetings are held on Monday afternoons at different houses. Assignments for February are as follows: Feb. 6. Miss Mabel Hall; Feb. 13, Mrs. Nye; Feb. 20. Mrs. Stanwood; Feb. 27, Miss Jennings.

The Auxiliary is making garments for the Church Orphanage in Memphis, Tenn., and the House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland, Me. During the meetings, chapters of "Dawn on the Hills of Tang." describing missionary work in China, are read in turn by different members. All the women of the church are invited to join the Auxiliary.

LENTEN SERVICES. By request of several people of the parish, the chapel will be open every day during the Lenten serson. Daily services will be held as follows:

Monday, 4.45 P. M. Penitential Service and Intercessions.

Tuesday, 4.45 P. M. Vespers.

Wednesday, 7.45 P. M. Even-song and address. Thursday, 4.45 P. M. Vespers.

Friday, 4.45 P. M. Litany and address.

Saturday, 8 00 P. M. Girls' Friendly Service.

St. Andrew's, being a free church, welcomes all the people of the community to all its services. week-day services of Lent offer special opportunities to those who cannot come on Sundays.

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BUSINESS FOR THE COMING TOWN MEETING

A TOWN PARK

THE matter of acquiring land for a park will undoubtedly be discussed. Park Commissioners have given the subject a deal of attention the past year, and the following is part of their plan. They propose to take Fuller Brook and land on either side for a driveway, if the town will so instruct them. The brook begins near Mrs. Seaward's, Wellesley Hills, flows in a southwesterly direction, is crossed by Abbott Road, Forest street, Wellesley avenue, Broad, Grove, Cottage, and Dover streets, and empties into an ontlet of Lake Waban, which runs from the lake across Washington street to the Charles River. The Waban Brook is included in the park system. shore along Fuller Brook is good until you come to that part between. Forest street and Wellesley avenue, where the water spreads over the adjoining land, making a meadow of one thousand feet square. This meadow the Commissioners advise taking to prevent any building thereon. The fall from Forest street to Charles River is sufficient to drain this tract of land, with a very little dredging.

The additional driveways that this plan will provide for the town the Commissioners think important for the voters to consider. If the town decides to take this strip of land and brook for a park, the matter of surface drainage into Fuller Brook will be a matter for discussion, as every body knows that we have no proper facilities at present for draining the streets between the two villages in the vicinity of the proposed park.

This whole matter is important for several reasons, among which are the health of the town, the improvement in drainage, and the possession of a beautiful driveway in place of a malarial spot.

A PUBLIC BUILDING

Another important matter will be the proposed combination building to be creeted at Wellesley Hills, for the Highway, Water and Fire Departments. This plan has been before the town for several years, and each time has been referred back to the committee having the matter in charge. The plans this year call for a building that will accommodate the ten or twelve horses and wagons of the Highway Department with room for a hose-wagon and the space required by the Water Department. The estimates call for an appropriation of ten to twenty thousand dollars. The committee having this matter in charge think it one of the most important to be adjudicated.

HIGHWAYS

The Highway Department is always before the town, and, aside from the schools, is the most important. It is considered not only at the Annual Town Meeting, but is discussed almost daily throughout the year. Until this year, the Highway grant has been expended in repairing the roads, and very little attention has been paid to permanent improvements.

At the coming March meeting, the advisability of setting aside one-third or one-half of the appropriation for streets, to be expended in permanent improvements, will be considered. A beginning was made last year in Wellesley Square, by building twelve hundred feet of macadam road, and, if the voters have examined it, they will be able at the Annual Meeting to decide whether they wish to have the work continued. Whether to use more crushed stone and less gravel on our roads will be an important matter for consideration.

The County Commissioners have been petitioned to widen Washington street, and, if this petition is acted upon before the Annual Meeting, a sum of money will be asked for to do the work. The State Highway Commission has been petitioned to rebuild and grade Worcester street from Newton Upper Falls to the Natick line, a little more than five miles. The petition was put in last year, and it will be for the town to decide whether to wait or do the work under its own supervision. The Committee on Appropriations will ask for an increase in the highway grant.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

At the January meeting a committee was appointed to consider the best plan for lighting the town, and report to the Annual Town Meeting. We now own the poles and wires and buy the current of Natick. If the Committee should report that they think it advisable for the town to own the entire plant, it would be an important matter for discussion. Committees' reports and recommendations are sometimes brushed aside without the respectful hearing they deserve, after the town has asked the members of these committees to do the work, without pay, as a rule.

I would respectfully arge the voters to attend the Annual Town Meeting, and, by so doing, share the responsibility of the town's government. Λ democratic government needs the combined wisdom of all, men and

women.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

[Condensed from a paper read at the Centennial of the Wellesley Congregational Church Oct. 2, 1898.]

TIRST and foremost a Congregational church is based on nothing else but Christ Jesus. It remembers His promise that wherever two or three are gathered in His name there He will be present. And it is quite content to rest its claim for churchly authority on the presence of Jesus Christ. It is equally ready to recognize as a church any other body of disciples of Christ gathered in His name to do His work. It is interested in churchly traditions but not hampered by them, and possesses just as straight a line of descent as any religious body. But it rests its right to be a church neither on traditions nor descent, but on the abiding presence of the spirit of the ever living Christ. That this is prophetic may be judged from two facts: First, the statement of the Master himself that this is the Rock Foundation upon which he would build His Church; and second, that the person of Christ as the central reality of the Christian religion is recognized today as never before. It is evident that in the future all other tests of Christian life will fade away before this of loyalty to Christ. The Congregational ideal of anthority based on the headship of Christ alone, is in harmony with the dominant current of religious thought throughout

the Christian world. It is manifest that this characteristic will mark the church of the future.

Upon this foundation of the life and teachings of Christ Congregational churches are building a religious democracy. This also is prophetic. Ideal Congregationalism is a religious democracy inspired by the spirit of Christ and holding His faith in humanity. Real Congregationalism only imperfectly approaches this ideal. But it is moving in that direction. Its form of organization declares the privilege and right and duty of men to govern themselves. Under God, this particular conclusion of the teachings of Christ has been given to the world more plainly through the democratic churches of England and of New England than by any other means. The greatest students of history acknowledge that "the Congregational principle of individual equality and self control in church affairs has been the most important factor in the modern development of civil and religious liberty." In other words, democracy, inherent in human nature, declared by Jesus Christ in all of his teaching concerning the worth of human nature and the brotherhood of men, was first broadly enforced, since New Testament days, by those churches which adopted self-government, equality and fraternity in their religious life. That democracy is to rule the future who can doubt? All the forces of civilization are moving in that direction. Everywhere the people are awaking to a consciousness of their own rights, powers and duties. Nor is there any grander task given to the church of Christ than to reveal the true, God-born nature of this democracy, curb its passions, correct its blunders, inspire its councils, and make it the social manifestation of the kingdom of God. It is an interesting fact that the similarity of the democratic church and the democratic state exists not only in their ideals but in their blunders and failings also. Dr. Dike, in an article showing how our churches may train men in good citizenship, has called attention to the fact that many of the evils we are trying to remedy in the municipality exist in the self-governed church also. But the mention of this analogy points out the more clearly the way in which the religious democracy is to conserve and guide the civil democracy. Certain it is that the church and the state of the future will both be democratic, --- self-governed.

We may now mention together two other characteristics of Congregationalism which we believe are also marks of coming social conditions, characteristic of the "Kingdom of God" that is to be on the earth. They are individualism and socialism.

(a) The Congregational Church is manifestly individualistic. Each church is at liberty to develop along the lines of its own nature. Starting from one foundation—Christ we may build such a structure as we are best No church is east into a able to build. mould and told that it must conform to a certain fashion. This method of individual development is God's way in nature. It is the best method for the individual man. So each one may make the most and best of his own faculties. Applied to churches it means the largest liberty in methods of worship and in the expression of the religious life. If, for example, in a certain church there is a desire for enrichment of worship, there is nothing to prevent that church from so ordering its worship. In fact, many Congregational churches do employ elaborate liturgies. Other churches, preferring the barest and simplest forms, are equally at liberty to follow their ideals. The same thing is true with reference to creeds and covenants. Faith in Christ and obedience to Him is the one essential. Beyond this some churches elaborate creed statements, other churches have no creed as a test of membership—never have had—but only a covenant. Nor does a church hesitate to change its form of admission or its creed, according to its increasing knowledge or understanding. This changeableness may seem to be perilous. Possibly it is. But it is life. It is one of the manifestations of life. It is liberty. And, in the long run, it has proven its value. Individuality—require of the Christian that he believe in Christ, and from this belief grow; so shall be make the most and best of himself. Demand of the church that it yield to no master and no teacher but Christ, and under that mastery develop—so shall it make the best of itself.

(b) But Congregationalism is not simply individualistic. It is not content that the local church should look out for itself and consider only its own development. It recognizes the brotherhood of the churches. The balance of individualism is socialism, and these two must go together. Always they are so represented in the teachings of Christ. We are to love our neighbors as we love our

selves. It is as important that we seek the welfare of others as that we try to make the best of ourselves. We are to bear our own burdens; we are also to "bear one another's burdens." These are the true characteristics of all normal life. Extreme socialism is false. Extreme individualism is false. Congregationalism today recognizes the duty of co-operation. Democracy must manifest as one of its marks the spirit of fraternity. In the church it must seek not only all of like mind but a universal brotherhood. A demoeratic church must be a missionary church, or be false to its ideal of faith in humanity and its motive of brotherhood. So Congregational churches have been pre-eminently interested in missions. They have originated and pushed forward missionary endeavors, as hardly any other church has done. And it is safe to prophesy for the future that just as its conception of "the kingdom of God" becomes definite, and its own relation, as a self-governed church in that kingdom, becomes apparent, its interest in the Christian Conquest of the world will be vastly increased.

Christian unity, also, is another manifestation of this spirit of brotherhood, which has been voiced by none more clearly than by the Congregational churches. Having never denied the churchly nature of any body of Christ's followers, it has been, of late years at least, most ready of all to co-operate with other Christians for the extension of the Master's kingdom. Its declaration in 1895, inviting a federation of denominations, is the clearest invitation yet given to the religious world, to this end. This also is prophetic. The church of the future will certainly possess these two traits of individualism and fellowship.

I will name but one more characteristic of Congregationalism that is prophetic. It has always laid great stress upon the intellectual value of the Christian faith. It believes that the mind is one of the divinest of human endowments. It believes that the man whose qualities are intellectual rather than emotional is as well worth saving as the publican and the outcast. It believes in worshipping God with the mind as well as with the heart, and in endowing the mind that is to worship as richly as possible. It believes in an educated ministry and it seeks intelligence in its congregations. To this end it has always established schools and colleges by the side of its meeting-houses. It acknowledges that the essential truths of Christianity can be sufficiently understood by the ignorant and unintelligent. But it also believes that no philosopher, none of the world's great masters have ever given to mankind teachings more intellectually great than are the teachings of Christ and His disciples. The mind of Christ, like the character of Christ, was the summit and crown of human capacity, and to mediate the mind of Christ to the minds of men, to unfold His great thought for the human understanding is as worthy a task as any follower of Jesus can undertake. It is a magnificent eulogy, of which any church may be glad that it should be called an intellectual church. Christianity is rational. Its teachings are every one of them reasonable. To so present them that men can see their reasonableness is a sublime privilege. The church of the future will surely be marked by this also, it will have a rational conception of Christ and of His kingdom, and will worship God with the heart indeed, but with the understanding also.

Such, then, is our outlook for the Congregational churches. They are in line with the manifest movements of human history. We will not venture to say that Congregationalism is to be the church of the future, but we have no hesitation in saying that the trend of present affairs prophesics that the church of the future will have these marks. It will be founded on Christ alone; it will be self-governed; it will be a united body—either a unit or a federation—yet so as not to destroy individuality; and it will be rational in its faith and teaching.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

THE BEAM IN OUR EYE

THE thoughtful citizen realizes that the real problem confronting our government and people is not the Philippines, not the management of the Army or Navy, nor the question of gold or silver money, but that of local and municipal government. We have it yet to decide whether our municipalities, great and small, are to be controlled by a few for a few, or by agents elected by all for the good of all.

In this matter a town like Wellesley should set a good example, for we enjoy many peculiar advantages. Nature has touched us with her magic hand; and our hills, groves, and waters charm the stranger and delight us most who know them best. Wealth has added something of the finish which only the intelligent co-operation of man with nature can give. Education, with its softening and refining influence, has come to dwell among us in the "College Beautiful."

With such a basis for a model town, it seems as if our local methods of government ought certainly to be above reproach if not above criticism. What do we find? The principal executive policy of our town made to depend upon the appointment of a comparatively unimportant official.

For several years now this office has been in politics,"—openly, avowedly, and has practically been used as so much political capital and conferred as the reward for successful hustling in behalf of candidates who, if elected, were to have the appointing power.

This state of things is not the fault of either of the factions at present engaged in the same old struggle,—so familiar and so discreditable. It is a condition, and a bad one, into which we have gradually drifted without considering exactly what we were doing. We are all responsible,—if not equally for its beginning, certainly for its continuance; and it is the citizens as a whole who must soon take steps to end it.

In the meantime consider:—

1. For whose sake are we following this unwise policy?

2. Which is it more likely to produce, better roads or better vote catchers? Which do we need?

3 Who pays the bills which result from putting our Street Department into politics?

4. In what way is our present method in this respect different from Tammany's?

5. What will you do about it?

CIVIS.

THE ANNUAL Town Meeting, to be held on Monday, March 6, will be of special importance on account of the number of new projects to be considered. Mr. Cunningham has pointed out in this issue the matters that need the most careful consideration. Certainly such a plan as that proposed by the Park Commissioners deserves the attention of every citizen, involving, as it does, the beautifying of the whole town. Another special matter is the question of the administration and care of the Public Library. Mr. Hunnewell, the donor, has

expressed the desire that the Town should now undertake this work, and surely no voter ought to hesitate to make the necessary appropriations. In this day, when the large cities are finding it within the scope of the municipal functions to serve the citizens in many different ways, it is fitting that the towns should also be ready to increase the number of public-spirited enterprises undertaken by the body of citizens acting together for the coming good.

THE SECOND article in our series on the denominations represented in this town appears in this issue. It represents what Congregationalists have to say for their principles of self-government. Questions of ritual and doctrine are not the foundation of the Congregational Church. On these matters each individual church is left to its own judgment. We believe all will be glad to read the statement in the article printed.

Friendly Aid

The ladies of the Friendly Aid Committee wish to bring before the public one or two items regarding

their work among the poor.

The first is the establishment of a Bureau of Information. A room in McLeod's Block has been kindly placed at our disposal; a number of ladies have volunteered their assistance, and here on Monday and Thursday mornings, after Match sixth, from eleven to twelve, one or more of these ladies will be found. There has already been a demand for such work, and it is hoped that easy and direct communication may be established between women who will go out by the day or hour to do plain sewing and those desiring to obtain such help.

Mrs. Charles E. Shattuck, of Wellesley, will be at her home on Grove street on Thursdays for the same purpose. Any persons desiring information concerning working women resident in the town, those who have clothing of any kind, especially children's garments and shoes, to give away, or who have delicacies for the sick, will confer a great favor upon us by reporting the same, either to these ladies or sending a note to the Friendly Aid Committee, Box 282, Welles-

ley Hills.

We also ask for the names of any persons who may be known to need aid, or any who may be found soliciting help from door to door. Several such cases have been already investigated by our district visitors

and steps taken to remedy this evil.

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We have placed ourselves in communication with similar organizations in neighboring towns and have been cordially welcomed. If we can secure the confidence and co-operation of our own townspeople, as we surely hope to do, the value of the Friendly Aid Committee will be abundantly demonstrated.

ELLEN R. ROBSON, Chairman Committee.

"For Student Days and Birthdays"

An interesting book with this title has just been edited by Miss Edith A. Sawyer, of Wellesley. While having the familiar look of a birthday book, with one page blank for records and the opposite page filled with quotations, there are several new features which give this book a marked individuality.

The birthdays of all the presidents of the leading colleges are noted, as well as those of many great men and women. Dates of the laying of the corner-stones of the colleges are also indicated. Prominent days, church days, and holidays are named. And the quotations are many of them new and selected from a wide range of writers, including authors, poets, statesmen, professors, and preachers, with here and there a French sentence or a bit of German verse. Few collections of quotable sayings are as readable and suggestive as this. The book would be valuable to anyone, either for the record of birthdays or for the noting of appointments. There is ample room on the blank pages for a considerable record. The publishers are Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., of Boston

College Announcements

THE CONSUMERS' LFAGUE

A special meeting in the interest of the League will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, March 11, at 3.15 o'clock. All who are interested are cordially invited to attend. Miss Edith Howes, president of the Massachusetts League, will speak. Those who do not know of the League and of its extremely useful undertakings in behalf of better industrial conditions would do well to take advantage of this opportunity for a better acquaintance.

AN ILLUSTRATED BIRD TALK

Mr. Frank M. Chapman, well known as a lecturer upon birds, and as the author of several admirable ornithological works, will give an address illustrated by stereopticon views in the Wellesley College Chapel on Saturday evening, March 4, at 7.15 o'clock. Residents of Wellesley and Wellesley Hills will be cordially welcome.

Education

[From a Baccalaureate address by Dean Hodges, at Radcliffe.]

"A second mistake is to assume that people are not well educated because they do not talk good grammar or because they do not care for poetry. That is but the airogance of the literary classes. It depends upon the fallacy that all things that are really worth knowing are printed in books. The people who live in the white houses and behind the green blinds are not only ever so much more interesting than the college woman imagines, but they also are better educated than she foolishly thinks. They may not know so much as she does about the arbitrary relation of the noun and the verb, but they know a great deal more than she does about matters much more valuable and vital. It depends upon the point of view. The college womanis at best but imperfectly informed. She can learn much more than she can teach."

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 — Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

11.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

AN APRON SALE will be held in the Chapel during the afternoon and evening of March 23.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. Topics for the March meetings are as follows: March 10, "The Teaching of Jesus;" March 17, "The Compassion of Jesus;" March 24, "The Friendship of Jesus."

THE LIBRARY of the Sunday School is to be renovated and replenished with new books. About \$50 has been raised by private subscription for this purpose. The beginning of a teacher's reference library is to be made.

DR. ALICE H. LUCE, of the College, spoke to the ladies of the Church on Wednesday afternoon, March I, on "Women in German Universities." Music was furnished by pupils from Dana Hall. This was the second of the series of "literary afternoons."

"THE THREE BEARS." The cantata of "The Three Bears" will be given in the Town Hall, probably on March 21, under the direction of Mr. F. L. Stone. Several soloists from Boston will assist the local chorus of about twenty boys and girls. The proceeds will go to the music fund of the Church.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. The course of Sunday evening addresses on "The Triumphs of Christian Faith," begun by the Pastor in February, will be continued through March, with topics as follows: March 5, "Breaking through Formalism. Luther and the Reformation." March 12, "Publishing the Bible. Wyclif and Tyndale." March 19, "Founding a Nation. Puritan and Pilgrim." March 26, "Overcoming the World. 'The White Man's Burden.'"

NEW MEMBERS. The Church will receive into its fellowship this month seven new members. By letter: Miss Helen T. Cooke, from the First Congregational Church, of Rutland Vt.; Mrs. Betsey H. Reed, from the Presbyterian Church of Delavan, Ill.; and Mrs. Robert K. Allen, from the Congregational Church in Natick. On confession of faith: Mr. Robert K. Allen, Miss Grace C. Farnham, Mr. Frank S. Farnham, and Mr. Henry C. Goulding.

SPECIAL SERVICES. During the week before Easter, April 2, there will be services every evening except Saturday. with topics as follows: Monday, March 27, "The Day of Sentence," Mark 11:12-19. Tuesday, "The Day of Controversy," Mark 11:27—12:44; John 12:20-36. Wednesday, "The Day of Retirement," Matt. 26:1-5, 14-16. Thursday, "The Day of Communion," John 13:1—17:26. Celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Church. Friday, "The Day of Suffering," John 18, 19.

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TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

ONE DAY OF REST in Seven. A petition in behalf of a bill now before the Legislature to provide a rest day for conductors, motormen, and other employees of transportation companies, will be circulated in our parish. It is hoped that as many as possible will sign it.

COMMUNION SERVICE on Sunday morning, March fifth. It is hoped that all members of the Church and congregation will be present. The Individual Communion Service, which the Church adopted at its annual meeting, will be used at this service for the first time.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. March 7, Foreign Missionary meeting with Mrs. Perley B. Morse. There will be an address by a missionary, at 3.00 P. M. March 14, at the small vestry at 2.30 P. M. Topic: "The origin of the spiritual nature, the soul." March 28, all-day sewing meeting with Mrs. Robson. Basket lunch. Business meeting at 3.00 P. M.

THE JUNIORS wish to thank all those who have so kindly given talks at the Sunday afternoon meetings. Parents and friends are always welcomed by the Society, especially at these talks, which would be full of interest to them as well as to the Juniors, and at the debates, one of which will be given on Sunday, March 11, at three o'clock, at which we would be very glad if all the parents could be present.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. March 10, Moses; "Law." The obligation of modern society to Moses and the Decalogue. Can we teach our children better ethics? Exodus 3:14-15; 19:16-20; 20:1. March 17, David, "Conquest." The struggle and the victory over sin and self. Ps. 144:1. Heb. 4:14-15. March 24, Isaiah, "Reason and Conscience." How can we bring others to Christ? Is. 1:18; 12:1-3; 26:3-4. March 31, "The Suffering Saviour." A Good Friday service. Is. 53. 2 Peter 2:19-25.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. March 5, "The Gates of Zion." Psalm 87:1-7. Ps. 100:1-5. The regular Consecration Meeting. (Reports from the Conference at Natick.). March 12, "Fellowship in Christian Service." Address at 7.30. Mar. 19, Temperance Meetings. Prayer meeting at 7.00 o'clock. At 7.30, service in the church. Address by Rev. Alfred Noon, secretary of the Mass. Total Abstinence Society. March 26, "True Penitence." 2 Cor. 7:1-11. At 7.30, sermon by the Pastor on "The Hermits of the Early Centuries." April 2, Easter concert by the Sunday School.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871
Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE REV. MR. JONES, of Newton Highlands, will preach on Sunday, March fifth.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE is bright and active this winter, doing much good in its small way. It is already looking forward and planning for its May-day festival, and perhaps some other entertainment.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is doing efficient work, is in good condition, and showing interest in all departments. Parents and friends are reminded that in no department of church work is their co-operation so much needed and so cordially invited. Teachers and children both need the help of your presence in the school and your interest in home work.

A SOCIETY has been formed in Wellesley called the "Ramabai Circle," auxiliary to the Ramabai Association, which after ten years efficient work has been reorganized. The object of the Association is to help pecuniarily the work of the Pundita Ramabai, in saving and educating the young widows of India. This work is of the highest importance and will help in the advancement of woman's life in India.

The president of the Wellesley Circle is Mrs. Park; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Rothery. The Association is strictly non-sectarian, all denominations being interested.

The Alliance of the Unitarian Church will give some time to the account of the life and work of that noble woman and scholar, Pundita Ramabai.

THE BRANCH ALLIANCE of the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Church has been much interrupted in its meetings this year, the last great snow-storm coming so near the date of meeting that there could be no one present. The meeting of Thursday, March 2d, was necessarily a business session. We have been greatly disappointed in not hearing Miss Rogers of West Roxbury, who was to have read a paper at the postponed meeting. Reports from various committees show the work of the Branch is going on very prosperously, and great encouragement is felt.

The following resolutions were read by the President and passed by a rising vote: "Resolved, that by the death of the Rev. Albert Buel Vorse, pastor of the Unitarian Society of Wellesley Hills, the Branch Alliance has lost a near and dear friend, as well as a pastor and teacher. It wishes in this resolution to express its love for him personally, and appreciation of his valuable aid and support.

The members of the Alliance desire nothing more earnestly than to emulate his virtues, his fidelity, gentleness, charity and truth."

Afterward a pleasant social hour was passed.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891 REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR Religious Services

10.30 Morning Prayer
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer,
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Mo

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M. Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

LENTEN SERVICES. The program as printed in the February number will be carried out until Holy Week, when some changes will be made. The service on Mondays will assume the character of Intercession for Missions, with readings from Adeney's "Women of the New Testament," the separate titles of which are: "Dorcas," "Phoebe and Lydia," "Priscilla," and "Mater Dolorosa." The readings at Vespers on Tuesdays and Thursdays will be taken from Miller's "Personal Friendships of Jesus." The address on Fridays will be on "The Prayers of Our Lord." The preacher at evensong on Sunday, March 12, will be the Rev. A. E. George, of South Boston.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. There will be daily services during Holy Week as follows: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, at 4.45 P. M., with brief address on incidents connected with the Passion of Our Lord; Thursday, 7.45 P. M., celebration of the Holy Communion; Good Friday, services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.45 P. M. Easter even, 8.00 P. M., G. F. S. service.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. Meetings will be held on Mondays at 2.30 P. M., at the following houses: March o, Miss Hayes; March 13, Mrs. Stanwood; March 20, Mrs. Rollins. The meeting of March 27 will be held in the Guild room, where the finished garments for the House of the Good Shepherd; Rockland Me., and the Church Orphanage, Memphis, Tenn., will be looked over and made ready for shipment.

EASTER OFFERING. The offering at the morning service on Easter Day will be used for the reduction of the mortgage on the rectory land. The children's offering in connection with the carol service, at four o'clock, will be sent to the General Missionary Board in New York. It is hoped that all the Sunday Schools of the church may raise on this Easter Sunday \$100,000 for the work of missions.

THE PURPOSE OF LENT. A recent writer in "The Church" says: "There never was a time when there was greater need of opportunity for the exercise of conscious religion, in order that the hidden life may be explained to itself and made effective, kept pure and intelligent, and granted sane and helpful utterance. It is just this opportunity which Lent supplies. It makes a study, as it were, of prayer and public worship and meditation, and Bible study, and deeds of charity, and exercises of devotion, of self-denials, and self-examinations and self-culture, that it may bring these things to bear upon the lives of men, to purify them and strengthen them for service, to lend special expression to the spiritual ambitions and religious feelings which are silently supplying motives to a man's daily living."

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

9 30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, 8.45 A. M.

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THE NEXT SPECIAL festival, the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, occurs Saturday, March 25th. There will be a service of Holy Communion, at 9.00 o'clock.

THE RECTOR is very much encouraged by the good attendance at all the Lenten services. The season is marked by quietness and good feeling among all, and a respectful attention by young and old to the serious duty of observing Lent. May all have a joyful Easter!

LENTEN SERVICES through March will be as follows: Tuesdays at 4.30 P. M.; Wednesday mornings at 10.30; Friday evenings at 7.30; Saturday afternoons at 400 for the children of the parish. Parents are asked to encourage their children to attend this service, as it is especially for the little people, yet others are invited also.

THE LITTLE HELPERS' Circle of Kings Daughters, with the assistance of Mrs. S. W. Clifford and Miss Annie Pratt, will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles made by them, in the Parish House, on Easter Monday afternoon, from 2.30 to 5.30. It is hoped that friends of the children will attend the sale and encourage them in their work for the church.

CHURCH CARPET. The carpet of the church is very badly worn, especially under and around the choir-stalls. The Parish Aid Chapter is making every effort to raise the required funds to meet the expense. The plan is to put in a hard-wood floor. This will dispense with a great deal of carpeting, and the strips of carpet can be removed and cleaned oftener. The ladies have nearly \$70 on hand, and will need about \$130. They will be very glad of contributions for this object. The Parish Aid meets with Mrs. Dr. Freeman March 14.

HOLV WEEK. There will be services as follows: Tuesday at 4.30 P. M.; Wednesday, 10.30 and 7.30; Thursday at 7.30 P. M., with celebration of the Holy Communion,—"For in the night in which He was betrayed, He took bread and break it." The parishioners of St. Mary's have always been faithful in attending this service. Let there be as large a number as in years past.

GOOD FRIDAY. Services at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M.

EASTER DAY. There will be the usual early service at 7.30 A. M., with Holy Communion. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10.45. The Sunday School Easter Festival will be held at 4.00 P. M. As is the custom, potted plants will be given to all the children after they have made their Easter offerings.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

AMONG THE EVENTS catalogued for March of especial interest is the Senate discussion of the Philippine question, on the fourth, for which the Agora Society has issued invitations. A series of lectures by Miss Ruth Putnam, of New York, author of "William the Silent," on "The Evolution of the Dutch Town," begun on February 27th with "Medieval Holland," extended through the week, with the following subjects: March 2, "Leyden, a Typical Dutch Town;" March 3, "Municipal Housekeeping;" March 4, "Municipal Finance."

ATTHE SERVICE held Monday evening, February 20, to mark the anniversary of the birthday of Henry Fowle Durant, an able address on "The Reasonableness of the Christian College" was delivered by Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, of New York. "From the experience of this and other colleges," said Dr. Hall, "three great principles stand out distinctly,- that a college may be Christian and not be denominational; that a college can be Christian and not infringe upon the personal liberty of its students; that a college must be Christian if it is to represent the best forces of American protestantism." Dr. Hall then spoke of the unfortunate influence of the irreligious woman, and emphasized the fact that the greatest danger which comes to a community of women living and studying together, is what too often happens—the casting aside of the belief of girlhood, and the going over into agnosticism, the result of shallow thinking.

FEBRUARY has been an eventful month in the college world. Mme, Gadski was the guest of the Wagner Club on the afternoon and evening of the 4th, and, to the delight of the College, sang several selections from Wagner and two Bavarian folk-songs; the students showed unbounded enthusiasm in their appreciation of the great singer's kindness. On the afternoon of the 6th, the Shakespeare Society gave a large reception in the nature of a house-warming for their new quarters—the Shakespeare House, which is now so picturesque a feature in the College grounds. February 15th, in the afternoon, occurred the second of the series of receptions given by members of the faculty living in Stone Hall, the third and last of which will be given March 15th. The Hampton Singers were here on the evening of Feb. 16th, and the annual Glee Club concert, held Feb. 22d, was as usual the social event of the winter.

THE REPORT more or less current in the newspapers during the past few months, concerning the resignation of President Irvine, refers to no recent or sudden decision on her part. In accepting the presidency of the college, Mrs. Irvine expressed the expectation of remaining in office but a limited time. In November, 1897, she signified her wish to withdraw in June, 1898, believing that the exigencies which had called her into office no longer existed, and that the time had come when a successor should be appointed, in view of new demands which had arisen. At the request of the trustees, she agreed to change her decision in so far as it related to the time of withdrawal, and to remain in office until June, 1899. In losing Mrs. Irvine from this position, Wellesley loses a presiding officer of marked capabilities and rare personal worth, of scholarly attainment and high ideals. No announcement has yet been made regarding her successor in office.

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THE SCHOOL ROOM.

Not on the bloody field, When the wild fight is on And foemen press and yield, Are greatest victories won;

But to the happy home And to this quiet room, Unseen of mortals, come The messengers of doom.

'Tis here the mind gets strength And character matures, Until there comes at length The issue that endures.

The great heavens well may bow And angels view the strife, For here commences, now, The struggle that is life.

And some will overthrow And some be overthrown: But, earnest scholar, know The field must be thine own.

EDWARD N. POMEROY.

MISS CAROLINE HAZARD

T the close of this academic year, Miss Caroline Hazard, of Oakwoods, in Peace Dale, R. I., becomes the president of Wellesley College. It is an event full of promise in every way. The College itself is in admirable condition. Mrs. Irvine's strong and able administration of more than five years is felt in all the details of organization and management. Every branch of the College government is in excellent order, and the finances are carefully managed by Mr. Hardy, whose work as treasurer, though of few years, is already of the highest importance to the College. Miss Hazard has also the good fortune to come to her high position with the absolutely unanimous and enthusiastic support of the Trustees, to whose urgent invitation she has yielded. She will be surrounded by a carefully selected faculty, made up of scholars of advanced training, of devotion to the interests of the College, of high-mindedness, generosity, and nobility of character. Few presidents in entering on their duties find the conditions so prepared by predecessors and colleagues for their own success.

Miss Hazard brings an unusual combination of qualities and experience to her new work. All her life she has been closely associated with men of the highest order in many walks of life. As a girl of fourteen she sat at the head of her distinguished grandfather's table, where such men as Pres. Porter of Yale, Pres. Mark Hopkins, James Freeman Clark, and many others were familiar visitors. Her uncles were professors at Columbia and Brown Universities. father was in the government of Brown, and among his most dear and intimate friends were Brown's famous Prof. Diman, Dean Mu ray of Princeton, and President Angell of Michigan. Her brothers were at Yale, and a sister married a brilliant young Yale professor. She herself studied for many years with Prof. Diman and other Brown professors, before Brown gave degrees to women. Miss Hazard has had, therefore, as few women have had, the best results of the college training, both from the educational and the administrative side. She has lived with those who were taking an influential part in the government of widely different colleges; she has studied with some of the most able college men of New England, and she has had long periods of study abroad. Her publications in philosophy and history are already notable, and she has wide interest in the fine arts, and is herself accomplished in music, painting, and poetry. Her hymns and Lenten sonnets are the natural expression of a deeply religious nature. Her "Narragansett Ballads" and novel "College Tom"—the story of her grandfather's grandfather—are the tribute of her patriotism and devotion to her beautiful old New Eugland home and its traditions and history.

About that home gathers every association of long and noble living. For generations her family has been prominent in affairs, and no less noted for large and generous sympathy with the public welfare. Miss Hazard has been her father's comrade in all the interests of the community that surround her home and the factories of the Hazard family. She has shared with him his affectionate care for many people and many

eauses, and her influence is felt in church and hospital, in library and high school, in missions at home and abroad, in the Y. M. C. A. and the King's Daughters, in music and in beauty, and in charity everywhere. Such cares and such long service for others are a happy inheritance and training for the work that lies before her at Wellesley.

ALICE FREEMAN PALMER.

ORGANIC CHRISTIAN UNITY

DEALS are not necessarily delusions. Though we may not reach them ultimately, we may reach them approximately. The fact that they are fo ever beyond us keeps us forever progressing toward them. If we had no ideals or if our ideals were easy of attainment we should make no moral progress.

Organic Christian Unity is an ideal. So far as the present generation is concerned, it seems to be an utter impossibility. And yet there is no reason to give up hoping that it may come sometime, nor can there be any harm in including in a little speculation as to the form it will probably assume when it does come. Such speculation will serve at least to emphasize the agreements and minimize the differences among Christians, and thus foster the growing spirit of brotherly love.

No man has probably labored more zealously for the cause of Christian Unity than Dr. Huntington, of Grace Church, New York City. Although his picture of the church of the future may be looked upon with suspicion by some, because it is written from an Episcopalian point of view; yet, even so, it is worth examining candidly, as an honest, broad-minded contribution toward the solution of a vexing problem. In a work entitled "The Peace of the Church," at the close of a chapter on "A Church by Love Established," speaking on the possibility of making room for different types of worship, he "The really desirable thing is, not the destruction but the conservation of any and all types that are good. But what is to hinder that within the pale of a consolidated church various methods of worship should be in use, side by side,—at least, until by general consent and in virtue of the law of the survival of the fittest, one or another of them had come to be recognized as the more excellent way? A practical method of constitutionally carrying out this inclusive policy would be the classifying of local churches under such titles as Congregations of the Anglican Rite, worshipping in accordance with the Book of Common Prayer; Congregations of the German rite, worshipping in accordance with what are at present known as Lutheran forms; and Congregations of the Puritan rite, worshipping without any liturgy at all, except in so far as the sacramental words of institution may be said of themselves to make a liturgy. This would not be absolute uniformity, I grant, but is any body expecting absolute uniformity? Is any body desiring it? To reduce the competing houses of worship in our country villages even to three, would be a distinct gain, and with constitutional provision made for 'high ritual,' 'low ritual,' and 'no ritual,' such a reduction ought, in a United Church of the United States to become possible. In that event no Episcopalian need lose what is most precious to him, nor any Presbyterian, Congregationalist, or Methodist suffer forfeiture of those precious associations that in his mind are indissolubly linked to what he accounts the simpler method of approaching the throne of God. Meanwhile the whole village would be the stronger for knowing that one communion held both the Anglican and the Covenanter in its embrace, — nothing having been lost, much having been gained."

Far more troublesome to manage than the question of differences of worship, however, is the question of differences of polity. This is Dr. Huntington's solution, taken from another work entitled "A National Church": "Imagine a county church. The center of administration is the county-town. dwells the chief pastor of the Christians of the county. His position, although one of dignity, is not one of splendor. His duties are far more argent than his honors are conspicuous. He is simply the master missionary of the region, which, although large enough to keep him busy, is not so large as to make the personal care of souls impossible.

From time to time, at stated intervals, there gather about this leader his counsellors, clerical and lay. He and they consult together for the good of religion in the county, talk over the spiritual needs of the various towns and villages, plan anew the ever-shifting campaign, and make provision for the sinews of war.

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Have we not here a microcosm of the United Church? What is lacking? thing? The home-rule principle has justice done to it; for the local church of each town, each village is, as respects the management of its affairs, the choice of its pastor, the handling of its revenues, autonomous. The synodal and conciliar principle has justice done to it; for instead of each little group of disciples living by itself and for itself, as if no other group existed, we see the representatives of the groups coming together once a year, or as much oftener as may be found desirable, to exchange ideas and incite one another to better things. The principle of leadership has justice done to it; for convinced that what is everybody's business is nobody's business, the Christian people of the county have seated at the heart of things one whom they hold in a special sense responsible for the efficient conduct of their affairs. What is there inherently absurd or chimerical in such a picture as this? The very same three principles work together happily enough in civil polity; what is to prevent their doing so in ecclesiastical polity?"

Dr. Huntington goes on to show that the same system which obtains in the town may also be carried up into the state, and from the state into the nation.

So much for worship and polity; there remains to be settled the difficult question of dogma. Dr. Huntington is of the opinion that the Apostles' Creed, which is generally accepted by most evangelical Christians, would answer fairly well as a basis. There are many good people who might differ from him in this. Perhaps in the church of the future we shall have something even simpler than the Apostles' Creed. It will be nothing to cause alarm if we do, for after all, the essence of the Creed is Christ. So long as we keep fast hold of Him the form by which we declare our allegiance is a secondary matter.

In the matter of dogma, however, the movement toward church unity finds a hopeful sign in the shifting of emphasis from questions of belief to questions of social service. While the practical, every-day life of man keeps raising new problems, we have not time to discuss scholastic quibbles about some fine point of doctrine, subjects more urgent and practical engaging our attention. Thus dogma is becoming more simplified, reducing itself to those great general tenets

of faith which are held by all who "profess and call themselves Christians." In this respect, organic Christian unity has already commenced to build a portion of its foundation. Who will dare to prophesy how long it must be before the completed structure shall emerge from the land of paper schemes into the land of visible realities?

W. E. HAYES.

A TALK ON THE PHILIPPINES

N the fourteenth of March the Tuesday Club and many guests met at Mr. Rothery's to listen to an address by Mr. Chas. B. Howard, of Boston, on "Life in the Philippines."

The speaker modestly disclaimed credit for what proved to be a very instructive and entertaining talk. The following is a brief summary:

There is no society outside of Manila, and even there opportunities are very limited. A few English ladies do their best to make life endurable for the few Americans and two or three score of Englishmen in the city. The English Club is the great meeting place, and one feels the monotony of seeing the same persons and talking upon the same subjects continually. Each man has his own body servant who keeps clothing in order and waits upon his master for the sum of eight dollars a month, out of which he boards himself.

Every house, in lieu of the cat, has its domestic snake, the python of the Philippines, which sometimes grows to the length of thirty-four feet, and is able to crush and swallow a deer. This snake does not appear in the living rooms, but is often heard, especially at night, moving about in the walls, preying upon rats or mice. At night he goes away to drink, and his trail is plainly to be seen in the daytime.

Innumerable vermin engage the careful attention of the inhabitant. The tarantula, an enormous hairy spider that would nearly fill a cup, will jump upon a chair and occupy the best place. The servant knows how to seize him without danger and bears him away, presumably to eat. The centipede, when stepped upon, bursts with a sort of explosion. Scorpions are numerous and their sting is often fatal. An important duty of a body servant is to empty them carefully out of a gentlemen's boots in the morning. The lizard, a harmless and beautiful reptile,

is a favorite in every house for the service it does in ridding it of much of its insect life; but it is sometimes startling to be reading a newspaper and have a lizard, intent upon his prey, suddenly plop from the ceiling

upon the paper.

The speaker alluded to the Jesuits, who, not being connected with the Roman church of the Islands, have done much valuable Especially praiseworthy are their meteorological observations for the past three hundred years. From their observatories they note a slight depression in the appearance of the horizon, and understand it means a typhoon. They observe its direction and promptly telegraph the news to the locality threatened. At Manila, when such a storm is expected, all vessels in the bay are driven in to a safer place, and the houses, even, are anchored. At such a time, the waters rise and the lower parts of the city are flooded. For several months in the year malaria, fever, and smallpox are prevalent; but when the N. W. monsoon begins to blow all these diseases disappear as by magic.

An American or Englishman may endure the climate the first year, but is not likely to survive the second. Every soldier of our army must be replaced the second year. The enormous expense of this constant movement of large armies by sea, and the annual change of officers and rank and file

may be imagined.

With respect to Agninaldo and his followers, Mr. Howard declared that they do not represent the best element of the Filipinos. Agninaldo is a Chinese mestizo, well educated and capable, but among the most selfish and unscrupulous of an untrustworthy and treacherous race. Mr. Howard expressed no opinion upon the political aspects of the Philippine situation as related to this country, but it is evidently his view that the Filipino is incapable of any honest and respectable form of self-government.

The address described was but one of many very profitable meetings of the Club during the past season. The subjects studied have been connected with Spanish history, literature, conquest and colonial administration.

WELLESLEY FREE BED

M UCH interest is being taken in raising funds for a free bed for Wellesley in the Newton Cottage Hospital. Some

one may question whether there is the demand for a free bed. Those who have investigated the subject and who feel the greatest interest are confident of the need. The amount required for one year is three hundred dollars, and if all citizens who are interested will contribute for this object, the sum can be easily raised. During the month the different churches of our town will take a collection for the free bed, and, after this year, we hope that a regular Hospital Sunday may be established here, as in many It may be inquired towns and cities. whether, in case the bed is not occupied all the year, it would not be better, from a financial point of view, to pay the Hospital for caring for needy citizens, when such cases As the charge for a patient from Wellesley is ten dollars per week, it is apparent that if the bed should be used only a part of the year, we should receive our money's worth. But should we regard the subject from this standpoint? Should we not feel that having the privileges of a hospital, so easy of access and so finely equipped, to which we can turn in an emergency, is a great consideration?

Let us hope that health and good fortune may smile upon our town, so no one will be obliged to use the bed. But if one life is saved or one person is benefited thereby, shall we not consider that the undertaking has been a success? No one need feel that the contribution will be wasted, for if the need of a free bed for Wellesley is not as great as we fear, the contribution will be used in aid of the Hospital, which all will agree is a worthy charity.

MARY C. BACHELDER.

NE of the reforms for which this State is looking most eagerly to the present Legislature is the transfer of the county pensions to State control. The change is very obviously in the line of improvement and in keeping with Massachusetts policy, but it is one difficult to bring about in the face of the political interests involved in the maintenance of the present system with its many convenient offices. No piece of legislation will more surely betray the character of the present Legislature—its relative sensitiveness to intelligence and public spirit on the one hand, and to "pulls" and "politics" on the other.

The advantages which may be expected to

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result from the proposed change are summarized in the report of the commission appointed by Governor Wolcott in 1896, as follows: 1. The abolition of unclassified prisons. 2. The initiation and development of reformatory measures for a larger number of prisoners who are susceptible to reform. 3. Uniformity in the management of the prisons and the prisoners. 4. Uniformity in the terms of sentences and in the granting of permits to be at liberty. 5. The better regulation of labor in the prisons. 6. The more complete separation of the sexes. 7. The abandonment of prisons now quite untit for their purpose, as for instance the House of Correction at South Boston, and wiser provisions for relieving our over-crowded pris-8. The more intelligent study and treatment of the problem of drunkenness.

State management has been recommended by Governo: Wolcott and by two commissions appointed by him, by the Commissioners of Prisons, and by well-known prison expects. The system has been under trial for twenty years in England, and has accomplished precisely those results in the diminution of crime, in the consequent diminution of expense, in the reformation of prisoners, and in the very great reduction in the number of prisons, which were predicted for it in England.

A GENUINE PHILANTHROPIST

UST at this time the people of Wellesley are anxious to know as much as possible about the newly-elected president of the College and her family. The life and services of her father, Mr. Rowland Hazard, of Peace Dale, Rhode Island, are widely known. But it is possible that the achievement of Mr. Hazard in building up the town of Mine La Motte, in Missouri, is not so well known, and the following description is reprinted from a letter written in December last and read at the services held to dedicate the memorial tablet erected in the Peace Dale church:

"In April, 1875, Mr. Hazard came into possession of clarge tract of land, comprising some twenty-four thous and acres, situated in the southeastern part of Missouri. This was known as the Mine La Motte lead mine. Near the centre of this tract lies the little mining town which bears the same name and has a population of about one thousand. Probably in no instance has the sound business judgment and true kindness of heart and Christian spirit of Mr. Hazard been more clearly shown than in the management of this large property. While this mine has been known since 1717, and has been worked extensively the most

of the present century, it was still in an undeveloped state when Mr. Hazard became its possessor. Up to this time no intelligent prospecting had been done, and the mining and treatment of ores was being carried on in the most primitive manner. The first step was to have a thorough geological survey made, in order to conduct the prospecting intelligently. He introduced the most approved methods of mining, dressing and smelting ores. In fact he was the pioneer of the most advanced practice of the day, and continued in the front as long as he retained the property; and the lead manufactured here, known as the "Anchor Brand," named from the shield of Rhode

Island, soon made its own reputation.

Up to this time nearly all of the houses in town were built of logs, after the old southern plantation style, "two decks and a passage." In addition to these were a few board and batten houses not ceiled. The people had little and cared for little, anything would do for a house, and their surroundings were as sloventy as their houses. Scarcely any road around was passable. The men were a dissipated, quartelsome, shiftless set, and it was not uncommon to see men with out and bleeding faces, standing around the store on pay-day, the result of one of the fights so frequent on those days. Under his control and teaching, they learned to appreciate good houses, and clean Perhaps in nothing was the elevating and improving of the people more plainly shown than in this desire for better homes, and with the better houses came the improved surroundings. The roads were made passable, and the formerly dilapidated, although naturally picturesque town, became for disciplme, order and neatness, an ideal mining town, and was known and recognized as such all over the country. To this pretty little spot came visitors and representatives from many of the works of similar nature, from all parts of the United States, each one carrying away with him a pleasant recollection and a multitude of ideas to be used at some future time. Mr. Hazard built three school houses on the property and always favored good teachers and long terms of school.

From the first he had been a large contributor to the churches, although previous to 1886 this had been a missionary post. At this time Mr. Hazard came to the relief of the Wissionary Society and took full control of church affairs, establishing a Congregational church, himself assuming all church expenses. This included even the liberal salary of the minister. In addition to maintaining the Congregational Church, Mr. Hazard contributed largely to the support of two other churches. He was universally kind and his visits to the mines were always a source of pleasure to every one. After his departure a feeling of good

will seemed to prevail everywhere.

Perhaps the appreciation of his efforts, and the high regard which was entertained for him by the citizens, was as fully and touchingly shown, as ever, on the occasion of his last visit to the mines, when the miners in a body, and with the brass band, came to offer an ovation to him, and through one of their own number to thank him for his past kindness and express the wish that no change might ever come to break the pleasant relations that had bound them together so many years. The love and respect which was felt for Mr. Hazard by those people, from the superintendent to the poorest miner, is beyond any words of mine to express. But those pleasant memories and that deep affection will remain, and that influence be felt, as long as any one of that little community shall live.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 — Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, Pastor Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

t1.55 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

3.30 Junior C. E. Society.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

A MUSICALE will be held at Mrs. R. W. T. Crowell's, probably on April 27, to raise the amount pledged by the Woman's Union to Whitman College.

MR. W. L. RUSSELL, JR., has been elected president of the Y. P. S. C. E. in the place of Miss Marion Anderson, who is teaching in Stamford, Conn.

EASTER SUNDAY. There will be Easter music and an Easter sermon at the morning service, and an Easter Sunday-School concert at six o'clock in the afternoon.

REV. E. E. BRADLEY, of Lincoln, who addressed the special service of March 28, will exchange with the Pastor on Sunday, April 9, for both morning and evening services.

THE SEAMAN'S FRIEND SOCIETY of Boston has received frequent help from the C. E. Society in past years and is to have an evening's entertainment furnished this year. The Church will make a contribution to this Society on April 30th.

LOSSES. On the first Sunday in March, Mr. Robert K. Allen was received into the fellowship of the Church and in less than three weeks was removed by death. Mrs. Carolyn Benner Whitney has been granted a letter of dismission to Holyoke.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. Topics for the April meetings will be as follows: April 7, "Fitness for Spiritual Service"; April 14, "The Young Life Now Devoted to Missions"; April 21, "Luxury and Necessity"; April 28, "The Holy Spirit:" May 5, "Neighborliness."

LITERARY AFTERNOONS. Plans have been made by the Literary Committee of the Woman's Union for further talks as follows: April 12, a literary talk; April 26, an art talk by Miss Hart. In May talks are expected from Miss M. E. Woolley, Miss Ellor E. Carlisle, and Miss A. E. Blount.

THE SPRING SESSION of the Middlesex South Conference will be held at Northboro during the afternoon and evening of April 18th. In the afternoon, in addition to the regular reports, there will be addresses by Rev. E. E. Bradley, of Lincoln, on the subject: "How can the churches of the Conference be more helpful to each other?" and by Mr. E. H. Walcott, of Wellesley, on the subject: "How can the churches of a community co-operate most efficiently for the advancement of the kingdom of God?" In the evening Rev. J. B. King will speak on "The Progress of Church and Christian Unity." and Dr. F. E. Emrich on "The Common Unity of Belief."

first Congregational Church in Unclessey Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

4.00 Mrs. Fuller's Class for Adults.

6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

EASTER SERVICES. Sunday, April 2, in the morning, with Easter sermon and special music. Easter concert by the Sunday School at 6.00 P. M.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. April 11, at 2.30 at the vestry, "The Home Making of Character." April 25, Annual Business Meeting of the Home Missionary Society, at 3 P. M. with Mrs. Thomas. Afternoon tea.

FRIDAY MEETINGS. April 7. "The truth shall make you free," John 8:32. April 14, "Enthusiasm," Rev. 3:14-22. April 21, "The Quiet Hour," Matt. 6:5-6. April 28, "The Jew." His past, present and future. What we owe to him," Gen. 22:15-18. Hebrews 1:1-2.

LASTER SALE AND SUPPER. Apr. 4, afternoon and evening. Bag table, apron table, fancy table, Auld lang syne table, etc. Musical entertainment in the evening, including "The Electric Warblers." Admission 10 cents; with supper ticket, 35 cents.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY. It is a common and appropriate custom in many places to observe Easter as Hospital Sunday, the churches taking a collection on that day for the benefit of free hospitals. The collection offering in our church this Easter will be for the benefit of the Wellesley Free Bed in the Newton Hospital.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. April 2, at 6.00 p. M., an Easter Concert by the Sunday School and special talent. April 9, Rev. E. S. Porter, of Bridgewater. April 16, Missionary Concert, some special speaker to be announced. April 23, historical sermon by the Pastor on "The Monastic Movement." April 30, Praise Service.

V. P. S. C. E. A new Christian Endeavor Society has been organized on the usual plan. Committees have not yet been appointed. The following officers have been elected: Miss Isabella Fiske, president; Miss Marion Robson, vice-president; Mr. Walter Wright, treasurer: Miss Ethel Putney, recording secretary; Miss Emily Blight, corresponding secretary. The evening of organization was stormy, but there was a good attendance, and twenty-one members signed the constitution; 19 active members and two associate members. Since that evening a number more have joined the Society. Meetings are to be held on Sunday from 6.30 p. M. to 7.15. The topics will be those of the regular organization. The Society adopted for its pledge a simple promise to attend and participate in the meetings, "unless prevented by absolute necessity."

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871 Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

DURING THE LAST MONTH the pulpit of the Unitarian Church has been filled by Rev. Mr. Jones of Newton Highlands, Rev. Mr. Mott of Wayland, and Rev. Dr. Young of Waltham.

THE ENTERTAINMENT given in the church parlor on Wednesday, March 22, was well attended in spite of the disagreeable weather. Mrs. Park spoke on "Customs of Child Life in India," illustrated by four children in costume. Mrs. Park should be heard more widely in her interesting India papers.

THE BRANCH ALLIANCE held a very pleasant meeting on March fourteenth. Miss Rogers, of West Roxbury, gave a very interesting history of the first church in Boston. This church was founded in Charlestown but soon crossed the river to Boston proper, moving its place of worship at intervals, as population changed, to its present location on Boylston Street.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE will close its season's work with a May Basket Sale and Entertainment, to be given in the church parlor on April 15. There will be a number of tables in charge of the young people, who show great interest in preparing for this very pleasant event.

Miss Alice DeSilva will have charge of the fancy table, Miss Ruth McGlashan will try to supply all with toys. The candy table will be in charge of Miss Florence Hyde, while the popcorn table will be presided over by the young men associated with the Alliance. There will be one table devoted especially to the sale of published sermons by Rev. A. B. Vorse, and his photographs, in charge of Misses Beatrice Hardy and Ruth Baldwin. The entertainment which is called the Nursery Maids' Drill will commence at three o'clock.

Too much can hardly be said in praise of this society of the younger people, whose efforts are earnestly made and usually meet with the success deserved. Under the management of three ladies from the older Alliance, they work every Saturday morning for an hour, and have this year finished six gowns and four skirts for infants in the Floating Hospital, as well as prepared scrap-books and sheets of pictures to entertain and amuse the invalid children in the hospitals. Every summer they send weekly contributions to the Flower Mission in Boston. This work, which for two years has been managed by Nicholas Smith, will next summer be looked after by Miss Gretchen and Masters John and Clarkson Balch.

The officers of the Junior Alliance for the past year, and to whom is largely due its efficient work, are, president, Miss Dillaway; secretary, Miss Molly Hardy; treasurer, Miss Alice De Silva.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891
REV. WIŁLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR
Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.
Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M.
Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE. There has been a good attendance of the boys in the Guild room on Wednesday afternoons, under the direction of the Misses Ely, Hastings, and Hall. The boys are making scrap-books for the House of the Good Shepherd, Maine.

EASTER SERVICES. The services for Easter Day will be as follows: Holy Communion, 7.30 A. M.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, 10.30 A. M.; Children's Carol Service, 4.00 P. M. The music for the morning service will include a Te Deum by Hopkins, Jubilate by Field, Kyrie and Gloria Tibi by Hayes, and Sanctus by Stainer.

THE EASTER OFFERING. The offering on Easter Day this year is to reduce the mortgage on the rectory land. \$450 is required to lift us entirely out of debt. Let every conscientious church member contribute generously according the ability which God giveth. If good times are upon us the Church ought to feel the effects of them first.

THE LENTEN SERVICES. The daily services during I ent were very well attended, considering the number of bad days we had. The experiment has proved such a success that it will probably be repeated in the future. Just how much benefit has been derived from these frequent services cannot be wholly determined. But it has certainly developed habits of church going among many who had been growing neglectful in this respect. What the effect has been upon the inner life is something which God alone discerns. But whatever it is it belongs not only to Lent but to our Christian life throughout the year. We are to be instant in season and out of season.

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The March number of the Church Militant devotes considerable space to the Girl's Friendly Society. In an article on the Holiday House at Milford, N. H., where all members may spend a two weeks' vacation at the low rate of \$3.00 a week, the writer says: "This year a longcherished castle in the air has become a reality. Most unexpectedly an unknown friend offered us money to enlarge our work. A smaller house for delicate girls who are recovering from illness has been a need from the beginning. Each year our hearts have been wrung as application came for girls not well enough for a vacation house. Dr. Hutchins, hearing of this plan, gave us a small house on the opposite side of the road near the Holiday House, with the surrounding land, and the generous gift is sufficient to enlarge this house and put it in running order. The house will accommodate eleven girls and will be open this summer.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M. 8.45 A. M.

All other Sundays, Special Festivals,

9.00 A. M.

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THE AFTERNOON SERVICE heretofore at 4.30 o'clock on Sundays will be changed to 4.15 P. M. hereafter.

THE RECTORY CLUB will resume its regular meetings at the rectory after Easter. Mr. C. B. Fillebrown, the well-known lecturer upon "Single Tax," has promised to address the Club sometime in April.

THE BOY'S FORTNIGHTLY CLUB is expecting to visit the Boy's Club of Waban in April, for an evening's outing. The badges of the Club of St. Mary's are very pretty.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING for the election of wardens and vestrymen, and the transaction of other business of the parish will be held on Monday evening, April 3, at 7.30, in the parish house. The parishioners are cordially invited to be present.

THE LITTLE HELPERS' CIRCLE of Kings' Daughters will hold an entertainment and sale in the parish house, on Monday afternoon, April 3, from 2 to 6 o'clock. The children will offer for sale articles of their make and also refreshments. The friends of the children and all members of the parish are invited to attend and to assist them.

EASTER DAY. There will be an early service with the Holy Communion in the morning at 7.30. Service at the usual hour, 10.45 A. M. The children of the Sunday School will have their festival service at 4.00 P. M. The classes will present their offerings for missions. Prizes will be awarded for attendance and care of lesson papers. Potted plants will be given to the children.

THE MEMBERS of the Vestry, with the assistance of a committee of women of the church, are making an earnest effort to remove the deficit in the treasury. They hope to do this by Easter Monday. The Committee are soliciting special subscriptions, and all the members of the parish are urged to give something, even with some sacrifice, that the debt, which is not large, may be met.

NECROLOGY. The death of Mr. John Pulcifer occurred on Thursday, March 16. Mr. Pulcifer had been junior warden of St. Mary's Church for eight years, and a vestryman for a longer period. He had lived a quiet, exemplary life in this community for about fifty years, and the welfare of the parish was very dear to him. He was constant in his attendance upon worship, and both by precept and example proved a faithful and consistent member of Christ's church.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

EASTER VACATION. The twelve days' Easter recess, which began Wednesday, March 29, will extend to Tuesday, April 11. Comparatively few members of the College are remaining during the holiday.

WELLESLEY'S NEWPRESIDENT. Announcement was made in chapel Wednesday morning, March 8, of the election of Miss Caroline Hazard, of Peace Dale, Rhode Island, to the presidency of the College, to succeed Mrs. Julia J. Irvine, whose resignation, which took place some time ago, as recorded in the last number of OUR TOWN, will go into effect at the close of this academic year.

PROGRESS DURING PRESIDENT IRVINE'S Administration. Looking backward over the five years of President Irvine's administration, a gratifying record of progress is seen. When Mrs. livine entered upon the duties of president, in 1894, the College had just begun the transition from a curriculum largely prescribed to a curriculum mainly elective. Under her guidance, this and other changes attending improvement in academic work have been safely passed, the so-called schools of music and art have been organized into departments, and in addition the departments of applied mathematics, pedagogy, and Biblical study have been established. During her administration the money matters of the College have been placed upon a strictly business basis, the system of domestic service has been abolished, and the lighting of the larger buildings and of the College grounds with electricity has been brought about.

Among the additions to the material equipment of the College effected during Mrs. Irvine's administration are the erection of the chemical laboratory, entirely apart from other buildings, and of the new lodge at the northern entrance to the grounds general policy in regard to the building of society houses has been established, and the Shakespeare House, attractively designed and advantageously located, has been erected. The number of buildings now in use for class-rooms, dormitory, and business purposes is eighteen. The Houghton Memorial chapel will be dedicated about the first of June, and it is expected that work will be begun on the astronomical observatory and on a new dormitory early in the spring.

Intimately concerned and untiringly active in all these matters of progress, President Irvine retires with the gratitude of the College for her devotion to its interests

STUDENT'S AID SOCIETY. Much interest was manifested in the meeting of the College Student's Aid Society held last month in Association Hall, Boston. Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, President of the Society, in opening the meeting, referred to the object of the organization, which, according to its constitution, is, "to advance the cause of the Christian education of women, to diffuse information, and to collect money for the purpose of assisting deserving young women." Annual membership in the Society is \$5, life membership \$100. Of the entire amount of money loaned during the twenty-one years of its organization, more than half has been returned. Mrs. Pauline A. Durant, treasurer, and Miss Mary Caswell, secretary, presented their reports for the past year, showing gratifying results in money returned and students aided; yet the demand far exceeds the funds, and, as a rule now, no student can be assisted by the Society until she has been at least a year in the College.

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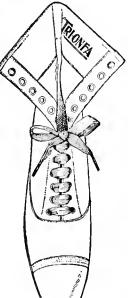
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EDITORIAL

TE begin in this issue what we hope will prove to be an important and valuable series of articles, grouped under the general subject of "Wellesley as a Place of Residence." The effort will be to set forth, as if for the information of a stranger, all the points deserving mention in a description of the town. There are to be "Growth," "Healthfulness," articles on "Water Supply," "Educational, Social, and Religious Advantages," "Rate of Taxation," "Relation to Boston," "Park System," and other features of the community life. writers will be citizens who are entirely familiar with the subjects on which they write, and whose words we shall be glad to hear. We hope that the series will develop our loyalty to the town and make more resolute our determination to work for its highest interests.

UCH space is given in this number to a report made by a special committee appointed by the Woman's Club some months ago to investigate the method and practical value of the system of manual training called Sloyd. This Committee is unanimous in its approval of Sloyd as a muchneeded method of wholesome education and recommends its adoption in the public schools of Wellesley. With this opinion and recommendation the Editors of this paper heartily agree. While the present school hours are crowded full of useful studies and exercises it would not be difficult to show that some of them are not as useful in the development of personal efficiency as a course in Sloyd would be. Any boy or girl would be better off with the training of hand and brain acquired at the Sloyd bench, even though this were gained at the expense of the knowledge of a considerable variety of interesting facts. Let us have Sloyd in our public schools.

IT is with pleasure that we announce that the Wellesley Free Bed is now secured and ready to be occupied. The generous response and the kind expressions of appreciation and good wishes for this worthy object have been most gratifying. The five churches in the town received collections to the amount of \$155, while the willing offerings from private individuals amounted to \$128. The remaining \$17 needed to make up the necessary \$300 were contributed by the Friendly Aid Committee from the proceeds of the operetta. The physicians, also the pastors of the churches, have been notified in regard to the bed, and we take this way of informing the public that applications may be made to Miss Mary C. Bachelder, Wellesley Director of the Ladies' Aid of the Newton Hospital, Telephone No. 62-12.

The offerings of the churches were as fellows: Catholic Church, \$50; St. Andrew's \$30; Wellesley Congregational Church, \$25; Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, \$25; Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society, \$25.

SUMMER CAMPS FOR BOYS

THE summer camp for boys seems to solve the problem of how to use the summer months most profitably and the long vacation, spent often in idleness, sometimes in unprofitable or bad company. At the end of many a boy's summer the question "What have I learned?" will be answered by "Nothing," or a positive "Something,"—which is not always desirable; in the best of cases, "To row and swim a little."

At the camp, situated, as it must be, away from towns and, as it should be, with advantages of water and mountain climbing, a boy—a number of boys—can best gain a knowledge of many practical and enjoyable things which will prove life-long resources.

One of the camp's chief aims is to develop the body. The steady, daily practice under careful instruction that a boy can get best in camp turns out swimmers, ball players, oarsmen and climbers, who can more than hold their own in tests of endurance, method, and resource.

A modern boy has schooling enough from books in winter. The study of animal and plant life, the stars as they are seen nightly from the camp-fire, surveying, carpentering, farming, the art of handling horses and cows, the scientific growth of vegetables. These

interests developed by daily talks and emphasized by living in an atmosphere of practical work will supplement the winter's theories and add greatly to a boy's power of usefulness and accomplishment.

The close association of boys out of doors, under strong and healthy leadership, is one of the most wholesome sides of camp life, especially for only sons, and through it are created the pleasantest memories of the eamp. The atmosphere of willingness, good temper, activity, and generosity which pervades camp life must needs leave a lasting impress on any boy to his great happiness and advantage.

Along these lines four camps have been started in the lake region of New Hampshire, and it is hoped that ere long there will be many more made necessary by the increasing needs of boy-life. The time is fast coming when the summer of most boys will include a few weeks of this profitable camp life.

W. T. TALBOT.

VACATION SCHOOLS

Entrops of "Our Town,"

Dear Sirs: I beg to enclose a clipping from an editorial in the "Boston Transcript," concerning "vacation schools," which is worthy of the consideration of our citizens.

"The real value of the vacation school has now been so widely demonstrated that it is coming to be considered an indispensable annex to the public school system. People are now looking upon the long vacation as productive of much injury. The summer school not only keeps children off the street, but also raises the standard of home life and relieves overburdened mothers. Its advantages to the community are obvious. It opens up the way for superfluous energy to be turned to good account. It inculcates law and order without the haste and onerous discipline of the ordinary public school. And it inspires self respect, honor, and a desire for usefulness in those whose lives have not been allotted in helpful environment."

"The secret of the success of the vacation school lies in the fact that work is made so fascinating that it is more attractive than play. It appears almost incredible, but the most lawless and disrespectful are transformed through the pleasant diversity of occupation. Seldom is a child expelled for bad behavior from a vacation school. The combination of manual and mental training, of nature study, of occasional out-of-door excursions, and the afternoons spent upon the playgrounds, is irresistible."

Just as the output of the kindergarten is never found later in police court, so the vacation school means lives preempted for good citizenship and useful service to the community."

Though manual training is mentioned first,

I believe there are other subjects which are important and equally interesting. instance there is the study of the names and characteristics of the common trees, their uses, etc. The useful ornamental shrubs, certainly the grains, deserve study. Geology, the names and habits of the birds, the wild flowers, are still other desirable subjects. Take the construction of a house, for instance, a thing which is never taught except to those preparing to become architects. -We all have to live in houses; many of us hope to build one some day. Why should not we be instructed in the matter of house construction? Another matter is the construction of a The children that are now good road. attending our schools are going to run the town some day; why shouldn't they improve on our ignorance by learning how to build and maintain a thoroughly good road? It will save them much money in the tax levy and help them to turn down the political street commissioner and elect none but competent men for offices in which ability and business methods should prevail.

A WELLESLEY PARENT.

WELLESLEY AS A PLACE OF RESI-DENCE

I. The Natural Attractiveness of Wellesley

T happened that from Tupelo Point, in the early morning, a certain college student from Iowa had her first glimpse of the Italian Gardens of the Hunnewells. Her exclamation of delight astonished the staid Massachusetts Junior by whose side she stood as she eagerly took in every detail of the lovely scene,—the parapet, the dark green bas-relief of curiously trained and trimmed evergreens, the footway to the water, the rustic summer-houses, the bright green of the typical New England woods at the right, and the pellucid waters of the lake, extending without a ripple to her very feet. No wonder she was delighted, for the scene was totally unlike anything she had ever known in her home on the western prairie. The difference in the emotions awakened in the two girls, under precisely the same conditions, was not altogether to be accounted for by the contrasted expressive western and , repressive eastern types. Familiar from childhood with similar scenes, the eastern girl's æsthetic sense was but slightly appealed to by one of the most beautiful nature spots

in New England, while the westerner, acquainted only with rolling prairies or endless vistas of treeless levels, went into transports of ecstasy in the presence of the simple combinations of water, wood, and the art of man that produced so charming an effect.

The Point itself is one of those rare spots which bring delight to the soul every time they are visited. A wooded pathway near the water lures the visitor on, revealing little by little the beauties of the lake. Of a sudden the path stops right at the water's edge, and the discovery is made that one is standing at the end of an unexpected projection of land, with the quiet water on both sides and an uninterrupted view of the greater part of the beautiful lake shore winding in and out for several miles.

The name "Waban" indicates the characteristic prevalence of Indian names and derivatives in the nomenclature of New England, and carries one back to the time when the red man of the forest was the only representative of humanity to contest with the beasts and birds for a proprietary interest in the waters and woods of Wellesley. Lake Waban has both an inlet and an outlet. The outlet is Waban Brook, a pretty streamlet which runs into the Charles River on the Dover boundary; and the inlet is a stream from a little pond near by, which, in turn, is connected by a short creek with a larger pond, called Morse's. Morse's Pond, except on the side next the railroad tracks, is almost as pretty as Lake Waban, and for purely natural scenery is a little superior. It is fed by brooks which flow through The Hun-

The Hundreds, let it be explained, have nothing to do with algebra. It is a name given to the largest tract of woods in Wellesley, so large that it might be called a forest. It covers about all of the township north of the Albany Railroad tracks, and extends into Natick and Weston. On the Weston line, in The Hundreds, is a hill called Mt. Pennell, from which a splendid view of Wellesley, Natick, and Weston may be had.

Make the trip to Mt. Pennell and you will return with a new sense of the beauty of the world. You have discovered that peculiar rock called the "Devil's Slide," and also the "Indian Spring." You have climbed over mossy knolls, and seen steep and jagged ledges giving shelter to delicate and graceful ferns, examined glacier-polished bowlders and protruding rock masses, come unex-

pectedly upon miniature ponds edged by berry-bushes, and immense green bogs over which butterflies idly flit, pulled bark from paper birches and made cups to drink from winding, ribbon-like brooklets, reclined upon crackling leaves beneath tall oaks and chestnuts, or sat upon terraced rocks in the shadows of queer red cedars, looked down from Mt. Pennell upon the tops of the trees in the valley below, which seem as though they might be walked upon, such is the denseness of their growth and the uniformity of their height, looked out upon the rural scenes stretched in the middle distance and mellowed by the yellow rays of the descending sun, looked off to the misty-blue horizon of distant hills, irregular as waves in a tropical storm, but quiet as the sea in a summer calm, pierced here perhaps by Monadnock, there by Wachusett, and elsewhere abruptly by nearer and lower hills.

A novel and interesting excursion by bicycle may be taken by wheeling up the Worcester Turnpike, nearly to the Natick line. Then follow the Cochitnate aqueduct through The Hundreds, north of Morse's Pond, across Blossom street, past the beautiful grounds of the Town Hall and Library, through Wellesley Hills, around the curve at the Indian Springs Park, near Wellesley Farms, thence off to the east and a cross Walnut street to the Charles River viaduct. With a little walking and lifting of light wheels over fences, the trip may be easily accomplished, and one is well repaid for the glimpse of woodland vistas and charming bits of scenery which are to be seen, especially at the beginning and near the end of the trip.

Retrace the path as far as the Indian Springs Park, and make your way down the bank and across the stream, wheel along the winding drives, stop at the water-way, and from the entrance look back and see the whole in perspective, with the wooded hill-side in the background.

The stranger is sure to be delighted with the little Farms station and its pretty pond surrounded by flowers and native shrubbery. The Wellesley stations are all most attractive, and surpass in the beauty of their grounds stations in any other portion of Massachusetts.

A visit may well be made to the Sudbury River aqueduct and Echo Bridge, where are the puddingstone ledges, the opyque, green hemlocks and the gray-trunked beeches. Of course the story of the puddingstone must be told; how a long time ago the giants had a feast and then a fight, and threw plum pudding at each other, which hardened into rock where it fell.

The Charles River can be best explored in a canoe. It skirts the Wellesley border twice, once on the south and once on the north. The continual panorama of graceful trees, fertile fields, and well-kept estates, brought to view by every turn and twist of the winding river, is a constant source of wonderment and pleasure.

A camera need be seldom idle in Wellesley. Many points furnish views which are particularly pleasing. Glimpses on Washington street at the Hills, from the bridge at the Farms, at the Lower Falls station, from Maugus Hill, here and there on the Worcester Turnpike, from the grounds of the Academy of the Assumption at the Hills, of the magnificent red cedar tree on Forest street, and at Longfellow's Pond and vicinity, make artistic and attractive pictures.

It may be that many of those who live in our town do not know what nature has provided for their enjoyment. If this short description serves to awake in any such a desire to search out their surroundings, it will have served a useful purpose.

ALEX E. WIGHT.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CLUB COM-MITTEE ON MANUAL TRAIN-ING IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

BY manual training we mean Sloyd—a system which is not technical but educational in its motive.

We have found the following arguments in favor of the adoption of Sloyd in our public schools.

1. Theory is in its favor. We should educate the whole man. That boy or girl is best educated whose faculties are most fully and naturally developed. Manual training calls into play a large area of motor brain energy which the ordinary systems leave untouched. If this part of a boy's brain power has been developed hitherto it has been outside of the school, by haphazard methods due to his environment. In the majority of cases, especially in homes like ours, it has received almost no judicious guidance. The normal child enjoys creative work with the

hand. Sloyd calls out and trains this natural capacity. The present system, except in the work of drawing, which is limited manual training, neglects it.

2. Practice is in its favor. Where it has been employed it has been found to result as follows (and in every case we give

the testimony of teachers):

- (a) As an intellectual stimulus. nal training has a definite and plain educational value, because it arouses and stimulates the whole mental activity. It is a common testimony that scholars who have been dull in some particular study or studies have been greatly helped in those studies by the stimulus of manual work, the fact seeming to be that in developing the motor activities of the brain the sensory activities and other areas are also quickened. It is the common testimony, also, that where manual training is added to the regular course as much is accomplished in the shorter periods given to other departments as before in the longer periods. The child who is given this work does quicker and better work in history and geography, as well as in the correlated studies of writing and arithmetic.
- (b) It has also a good physical effect. Manual training offers a remarkable degree and variety of physical exercise combined with purpose. It cultivates the larger muscles of arm, chest, and back in the work of planing and sawing, and also the smaller muscles in the more delicate work of drawing, designing, and finishing. It has been called, by one educator, "one of the most perfect tonics for the nervous system of both children and adults." This is in itself a strong argument in its favor as compared to nearly all other lines of study in our public schools.
- (c) The social influence of manual training is good. It is labor and it gives a healthy respect for labor. For this reason it is greatly needed by those who may enter upon a professional life. It is a healthy influence against the present tendency of our schools to create a false and pernicious sense of intellectual aristocracy, a tendency of the man of books to look down on the man of tools, of the man of leisure to claim superiority over the man of labor. It cultivates a right understanding and respect for work and tends to stamp the idler with the ignoming which he deserves.
- (d) This training is practical also, inasmuch as, while its aim is not primarily to

prepare men for manual labor, it does effectually do so. Surely this is a strong argument in its favor. If preparing a man for the industrial life upon which he is to enter is not a part of rational training in good citizenship we know not what is. Incidentally it does this. It is not thereby a species of class education. Indeed, it is that system of education which is in line with a collegiate education only which is class education. Manual training is just as much needed by the boy who is to study for a profession as by any one. But it also has the added value for the boy who is to be a mechanic or day laborer, that it will give him a little practical assistance in the use of his hands.

(e) The moral effect of manual training is universally acknowledged. It cultivates habits of independence, originality, self-control, accuracy, observation, truthfulness, neatness. We know of nothing in the school system, except drawing, which especially cultivates so many moral activities. For this reason manual training is employed in all reform schools and is urgently recommended as a part of the common school system by all special students of moral problems. It is a distinct influence for the prevention of immorality and crime.

3. These are some of the arguments in favor of the introduction of manual training into our public schools.

On the other side we have discovered only three arguments:

(a) Expense. It would cost perhaps \$400 to fit up a room. This would last for years, and the cost of replenishing wood, tools, etc., would be small. A skilled instructor can be obtained for \$800 a year, or less. Our answer to this objection is that in a wealthy town like ours the question of expense should not enter. We have no doubt also that we could easily find private citizens who would meet the first cost, provided the town would engage a teacher.

(b) No room in an overcrowded curriculum. A sufficient answer is that what has been accomplished in the best schools of the cities and towns of Massachusetts can be accomplished here. It has been introduced in about forty such places, in schools where we should be glad to have our children educated. We do not believe that the courses of study employed in such schools are inferior to that followed in our own. It is demonstrated that the curriculum can be so arranged that the schools and the scholars

may be profited even with manual training introduced.

- (c) The only other argument against manual training which we have heard is that the poor children do not need it and the well to do can hire private instruction if they desire. To which we answer that we do not know such classes in our public school system, that all should be treated alike, as all children alike need this instruction.
- 4. In conclusion your Committee would report that we have corresponded with various schools, examined reports, and made inquiries of the State and local authorities, and have found everywhere approval of the system, if it has been given a true and fair trial. In contrast to a statement which has been circulated, we have inquired diligently and have failed to find a single instance of a community which has adopted Sloyd in its schools and afterward abandoned it. On the other hand, we have found indifference only where some imperfect or incomplete makeshift has been adopted, and enthusiasm wherever manual training has been given a genuine test. The State has set the seal of its approval upon it by requiring instruction in manual training in all cities of 20,000 population or over. Students of education, recognized everywhere as authority, almost unanimously recommend it, for small communities as well as great. And the State Federation of Women's Clubs, through its Education Committee, urges upon the clubs "that they devote at least one session during the year to the consideration of this topic, with the view of co-operating with the local school authorities in establishing and maintaining instruction therein."

We therefore unanimously recommend the adoption of Sloyd for our public schools, at the same time advising that it be not introduced until a time when the Superintendent and School Committee can heartily endorse the course and give it the best chance to indicate its efficiency. We consider that it would be folly for citizens, however much they may desire any change in the schools, to insist upon that change against the energetic protest of their leading educational officers.

PARRIS T. FARWELL, Chairman, MRS. JOHN E. OLDHAM, Secretary, MRS. J. J. E. ROTHERY, MRS. ARTHUR E. BROWN, HOWARD B. GROSE, ERWIN H. WALCOTT.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

COMMENCEMENT DAY will fall on Tuesday, June 27, approximately a week later than usual, owing to the readjustment of college term time and the later date of opening in September.

A FIELD DAY. The members of the Athletic Association are planning a field day, and Monday, May 29, has been set apart for an athletic carnival. Golf, basket-ball, tennis, lacrosse, running, and probably the Greek game of discus-throwing will be the main features of the day. It has been thought best to make class honor the basis in giving the championship prize at the close of the field day. This means, of course, that one member at least from each class shall compete in every event. Already the lists are well filled.

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY. Miss Helen L. Webster, Ph. D., professor of comparative philology, has accepted the position of principal of the Wilkesbarre Institute, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., in place of Miss Elizabeth N. Rockwell, who has held the position of principal for twenty-two years Professor Webster will enter upon her new duties at the opening of the next school year, in September, having been in charge of her department at Wellesley College since 1890. Known as a woman of high scholarly attainment and wide culture, the loss to the College, through Professor Webster's change of position, occasions much regret.

The College will lose another valued member of the Faculty next year, through the withdrawal of Miss Edith J. Claypole, instructor in zöology for the past five years. Miss Claypole will begin the study of medicine at Cornell University in the autumn.

EFFORT TOWARD RAISING COLLEGE Debt. The alumnæ of the College are vigorously prosecuting a concerted plan for raising the existing debt. As is generally known, the College was at the outset supplied by its founders with ample buildings, spacious grounds, and costly apparatus. Later donors added other buildings and equipment, and endowed the library; but the College has remained practically without endowments which could be used for general purposes. Receipts from tuition fees have naturally not equalled the outlay necessary for salaries, repairs, and additions to the material equipment, and a debt of over \$96,000 has been incurred. A part of this debt is owed to the scholarship and library funds, and interest upon this part is paid annually by the College, the remainder being carried as a floating debt. It is the hope of the alumnæ that the whole sum can be raised by 1900, — the year which will close the first quarter century of the College history. The plan originated with Mrs. Winifred Edgerton Merrill, a member of the class of '83, and an alumna trustee of the College. It was warmly supported by William II. Lincoln, chairman of the Finance Committee, and by other members of the Board, as well as by the President and officers of the Alumna Association. Mrs. Merrill becomes national chairman of the organ-The State chairmen will circulate appeals ization. and receive contributions from their respective states. Former students of the College are reminded in these appeals that the sum raised by a contribution of \$35 from each former student, or her representative, will cancel the debt and leave a balance for other purposes. Mr. Alpheus H. Hardy, treasurer of the College, will act as treasurer of the organization.

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TUESDAY

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FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

WE WELCOME into our membership this month Dr. Winthrop T. Talbot and Mrs. Edith A. Talbot.

EXCHANGE. The Pastor will exchange on Sunday, May 21, with Rev. Nicholas Vander Pyl, of Holliston.

A CONCERT by the choir-boys of Grace Church, Newton, is being planned by the C. E. Society for Wednesday, May 17.

A. M. A. The annual offering to the American Missionary Association will be made on Sunday, May 28. Some description of A. M. A. work will be given at the Friday evening meeting of May 26.

THE NEW FORM for the Reception of Members has been printed in a handsome pamphlet with the Church's Statement of Belief and the Form for the Baptism of Children. This pamphlet may be obtained in the vestibule of the Church or on application to the Pastor.

LITERARY AFTERNOONS. Two more talks will be given in this series before the Woman's Union and its friends. Prof. Ellor E, Carlisle will speak on Wednesday, May 10, at four o'clock, concerning "Conditions of Education in Elementary Schools." Prof. Mary E. Woolley will speak probably on May 24 on an Old Testament topic. These "afternoons" have proved of great interest and profit.

THE MID-WEEK SERVICE. Subjects for the next four weeks: May 12, "The College Settlement." An address is expected from some resident in one of the Boston Settlements. May 19," The Holy Catholic Church." May 26, "The American Missionary Association." June 2, "Books that Help."

WHITMAN COLLEGE. The Woman's Union has raised the \$20, which it pledged for the year toward the endowment of Whitman College, by a most successful musicale, held at the house of Mrs. R. W. T. Crowell, on April 27th. The C. E. Society will also be able to pay its pledge for the year from a portion of the proceeds of the Glee Club concert held on April 18. No Christian college in the land has any better opportunity to do genuine service for its state and country than Whitman, and money invested there will yield abundant return. The fact that a member of this Church, Mr. S. H. Lovewell, is Professor of Music at Whitman gives an additional reason why we should be glad to help the college secure a foothold.

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Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tues day.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

REV. HERBERT H. MOTT of Wayland preached on Sunday. April 30. He will also all the pulpit on Sunday. May 7.

ANNUAL MEETING of the Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society met on April 18, organized with Col. Albert Clarke as Chairman, and adjourned to April 24. New members admitted: Arnold Livermore, Faith S. Livermore, Edward W. Perkins, Clarence Bunker, Mary Bunker, Henry S. Lawrence, William J. Osgood, Schuyler S. Battlett, Mis. F. M. Smith. Officers elected: Treasurer, Edward Lawrence: Clerk, Henry D. Winton. New members of Standing Committee for three years: Mr. Isaac Sprague, Mr. Henry I. Hyde, Mis. Limma I. Towne.

BRANCH ALLIANCE. The annual meeting of the Branch Alliance of the Unitarian Society was held at the Church parior on April 25. Reports of officers and heads of committees were given and accepted, all showing an increase of zeal and interest in denominational work. Plans of work for a new year were freely discussed, great, good feeling prevailing. After a vote of thanks to the efficient Hospitality and Literature Committees, the meeting adjourned for afternoon tea. The next meeting will be on the first Tuesday in October. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mary C. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna B. Park; Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Purdie; Treasurer, Mrs. Sadie E. Hardy.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE held its annual festival and may-basket sale on the afternoon of April 15. All entered with great interest into the preparation for this affair, and the Society responded so cordially to the children's efforts that \$70 were realized in a very short time from the various tables. A pleasing entertainment was given including music, Miss Molly Hardy rendering a solo on the violin; also a "Nursery Maids' Drill" by ten little girls, who mancentred their dollies in right motherly fashion. They were Misses Gretchen Balch, Ruth and Deborah Baldwin, Elsa Richardson, Margaret Brooks, Mary Hartly, Dirothy Canningham, Marion Colburn, Helen McIntosh, and Flossie Young, the small colored nurse. The songs were well rendered, especially the solos and duets. The Junior Alliance has established a reputation for delightful entertainments. Something even more original will be looked for next year.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891 REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.
Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M.
Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. Nearly sixty garments have been prepared by the women during the winter for the children of two orphanages. The value of these garments is placed at \$25. The Girls' Friendly Society and the Ministering Children's League have also worked for the same object.

THE NEW RECTORY. It is probable that ground will be broken for the new rectory sometime about the middle of the month. The plans submitted by Mr. S. D. Havden, of Newtonville, the architect of the Chapel, have been unanimously approved by the vestry and the parish. The house will not only be attractive to the eye, but will be thoroughly well built and replete with all modern conveniences. A water-color sketch of rectory, church, and chapel will be on exhibition in the vestibule as soon as the working plans and specifications have been decided upon. It is hoped that the rectory will be ready for occupancy sometime in September or October.

GIRIS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. During April the weekly meetings have been well attended and of special interest. An Easter eve service was held on April 1st. Miss Ldith J. Claypole, instructor in zöology at the College, gave a talk on "Hygiene" April 8. The entertainment Saturday evening. April 15. was in charge of Miss Bennett and Miss Drury, of Dana Hall, associate members of the Society. April 22. Miss Maude Hudnut played several delightful selections on the violin during the hour devoted to the meeting.

Miss I. M. Hoppin, of Cambridge, State Secretary of the Society, will visit St. Andrew's Branch May 13 to give a talk on the general work of the Society.

The annual service and sermon will be held in Trinity Church, Boston, May 25. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Osborne, of the Society of St. John the Evangelist.

OFFERING FOR MISSIONS. Loyal members of the Church are reminded of their obligation to contribute to the support of the missionary work of the Church. No matter how small it may be, let it be presented at the offertory on Whitsunday. May 14. In this year of our prosperity we cannot better show our gratitude to God for the blessings. He has showered upon us as a parish than by helping some other parish to stand on its feet and do more effective service in the spread of Christ's kingdom. The assessment upon this parish is \$35. We must raise at least that much on Whitsunday if we can do no more Should any desire a special object for their contribution, let them read in the April number of the Church Militant the account of the fire which destroyed \$1. James' Church, Amesbury. May we not help a little toward the erection of a new church?

St. Mary's Church

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Religious Services
SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

16.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month. 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays,

8.45 А. М.

Special Festivals,

9.00 A. M.

Choir rehearsals, Tuesdays and Fridays.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY. The same Committee that has served the past two years was re-elected for another year, viz.: The Rector, as Chairman, S. H. Warren and C. H. Spring.

THE LITTLE HELPERS' SALE on Easter Monday was very successful. The young people made nearly \$20, the most of which they have kindly given towards the new carpet for the Church.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL made an Easter offering for missionary work of \$16. This will be divided between the "Domestic Missions" and "Foreign Missions." There was a contribution of \$1.00 from one of the parishioners to be devoted to the same.

THE MONTH OF MAY brings to us some of the most important festivals of the church year. May 1, St. Philip and St. James Day; 11th, Ascension Day; 14th, Sun lay after Ascension; 21st, Whitsun-Day; 28th, Trinity Sunday.

THE ALTAR CHAPTER held a special meeting on the 15th of April at the call of the Rector. The following members were appointed by the Kector for the year: Head of the Chapter, Mrs. Norcross: Assistants: Mrs. B. F. Curtis, Mrs. H. P. Pronk. Mrs. S. W. Clifford, Mrs. D. S. Pratt, Miss Susan G. Pulcifer, Miss Eva G. Wiswall, Miss Ella G. Pulcifer, Miss Spring, Miss Miller, Miss Fannie S. Seaverns. Miss S. A. Jordan.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION of the Church in this State will hold its sessions in Trinity Church, on Wednesday and Thursday, May 3 and 4. The Bishop of the Diocese, Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, D. D., will deliver his sixth annual address on the afternoon of the first day. The public are cordially invited to visit the Convention. The delegates from the parish are: Edward Jennings, S. II. Warren, and S. W. Clifford.

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING was held on Monday evening, April 4. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Senior warden, Samuel H. Warren; junior warden, Charles H. Spring; treasurer, Frederic C. Leslie; parish clerk, William P. Morse; vestrymen, Edward Jennings, S. W. Clifford, Daniel S. Pratt, W. C. Norcross. Frederic C. Leslie, and Frank W. Freeman, M. D. The report of the Treasurer showed that the deficit for the year had been cancelled with the exception of a small sum. Responses to the Finance Committee by the many parishioners and friends of the parish, were generously made, and the Rector desires to express his grateful acknowledgments to all who gave to clear the parish from debt.

By-Laws of the Wellesley Friendly Aid Committee

- ART. I. The name of this organization shall be the Friendly Aid Committee.
- ART. II. The object shall be to investigate cases of need, give relief and counsel and co-operate with town and church officers.
- ART. III. The Committee shall consist of three members appointed annually by the Executive Board of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club and of at least six others chosen by these three. The present Committee shall serve until May, 1900. Vacancies in the number chosen by the Executive Board shall be filled by the Executive Board; other vacancies by the Committee.
- ART. IV. The officers shall be a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and District Agents. These agents shall investigate all cases brought to their attention, and report upon the same at the regular meetings of the Committee. Each agent shall have at least one assistant who shall co-operate with her or act in her place in case of necessity.
- ART. V. The Committee may, at discretion, appoint an Advisory Board from the townspeople at large.
- ART. VI. Regular meetings of the Committee shall be held at stated intervals. Special meetings of the Committee and Advisory Board may be called at the discretion of the Chair.
- ART. VII. The Committee shall report annually to the Executive Board. The Treasurer's report shall be duly audited by the Club Auditor.
- ART. VIII. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
- ART. IX. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Committee by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, provided at least two weeks written notice has been given to each member of the Committee.

The Committee is in need of a larger supply of children's clothing, especially garments for little children from four to eight years of age. Material for making baby garments, and shoes and hats for both boys and girls, are also wanted. Bundles of such articles, with lists attached, may be left with Miss Lally, Worcester street, or Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, Washington street. The Committee also desires to know of ladies who are willing to help in sewing or mending. Anyone knowing where help is especially needed is invited to report at once to the Friendly Aid Committee, P. O. Box 282, Wellesley Hills.

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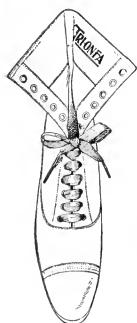
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MONG the various influences which have co-operated for the upbuilding of Wellesley during the past eighteen years one of the most potent is the Dana Hall School. Its power for permanent good has been felt far beyond its walls. It has not only brought pupils of high personal character to live temporarily in the town; it has also brought residents who have made homes here. More than that it has freely given of its intellectual and social privileges to very many of the townspeople. A considerable number of the women of Wellesley have been pupils in the school. The town life has been the purer and more vigorous because of the presence of such a school in its midst.

With the present month the administration of the school passes from the hands of Misses Julia and Sarah Eastman, the founders and the only principals hitherto. It is an appropriate time to record what the school has been and now is, both to its pupils and We therefore take great to Wellesley. pleasure in sending out this special Dana Hall number.

THE BEGINNINGS OF DANA HALL

THEY were very simple beginnings. There was no Clematis Cottage in those days, nor Ferry Cottage, nor grand There was the original School Building. Dana Hall, transformed from a College dormitory, which, in turn, had been fashioned from a boarding house, which, by way of climax, was a degeneration of the village The Misses Eastman were gratified to hear, one day, at a White Mountain Hotel, the tale of an extraordinary boarding school near Boston,—a boarding school whose edifice was made over from the meeting-house, the sounding-board being suspended, so ran the legend, in the chamber of the principals, above their very bed, where it duly repeated to them the faintest disloyal whisper from the remotest corner of their realms.

Dana Hall was the gift to Wellesley College of the eminent citizen whose name it bears, but Mr. Durant, coming more and more to feel the need of better preparatory training, proposed, in time, to rent the building as a fitting-school, on condition that the Misses Eastman would undertake the task. Delightfully characteristic was the way in which these "two blossoms on a single stem" received his suggestion. Each was sincerely convinced of her own unworthiness and consented to listen to his arguments and pleadings only because of the confidence she felt in her sister. Miss Julia, whose delicate health had interrupted a most promising career as a writer, pinned her taith to Miss Sarah's educational experience, and Miss Sarah, who had been a favorite member of the College faculty from the outset, put all reliance on Miss Julia's creative and controlling ability. Mr. Durant made fun of their personal modesties, warmly endorsed their sisterly enthusiasms, and, in short, would not take a denial.

In those eager preparations for that first flock of the eighteen which have now passed into their fold, the sisters naturally put so much thought on the home that the classroom provision was somewhat slighted. Those earliest Dana Hall girls found awaiting them the brightest of welcomes and the cosiest of rooms, but the first day of school was an occasion of unexpected hilarity. I forget whether it was the Young Men's Christian Association or some other band of Wellesley proprietors, who, at the last minnte, had offered the Misses Eastman a dumpy little one-roomed building for a schoolhouse, agreeing to "run up partitions." But these partitions, setting youth a bad example, paused midway in the climb, with the result that, while the Latin class could not see the Algebra class, nor the Bible teacher meet the glance of the History teacher, a Babel of education floated cloudily overhead. "The cube of—hic, haec, hoc,—seemed to the King of the Goths—vanity of vanities." The tumult became intolerable, and the classroom work of Dana Hall opened auspiciously with a half-holiday.

In this emergency, a peculiar genius of the Misses Eastman bore its early fruit, their genius for neighborliness. know the hospitalities of Dana Hall, from the pucker of Miss Ferry's spring bitters to the intellectual sweets of the best addressed and concerts. The sisters have thriven on generosity. It would take no less subtle a mathematician than Miss Smith to explain how they manage to give away twice their income and save the other half. Bred in a country parsonage, they have the beautiful habit of sympathy with all the life about them, and this, supplemented by their constant and inconspicuous helpfulness, has endeared them to this community more than we shall ever make them understand. The ntmost that even this happily-devised issue of Our Town can hope to do is to convince Miss Julia that Miss Sarah is appreciated here, and assure Miss Sarah that Miss Julia is duly revered.

Finding themselves with a school on their hands, and no school rooms, the sisters did as they would be done by, -- asked help of their nearest neighbor. This, fortunately, was Mrs. Clark, whose heart is as full of kindness as her cupboards are of cake. promptly placed what rooms she had at their disposal, and for the first year of Dana Hall the girls recited Geometry in a denuded parlor and read Homer in a chamber where the mice, excited by the tales of ancient valor, used to race across the floor as if it were the windy plain of Ilion. For prayers, the school gathered every morning in the reception room of Dana Hall, Miss Plimpton, the beloved music teacher, at the piano, and Shot, that elegant water-spaniel who headed the illustrious line of Dana Hall dogs, sitting piously on his haunches, with his paw in Miss Sarah's hand. He was a beauty, but a sad hypocrite, dashing away the moment his devotions were concluded to chase Mr. Shattuck's chickens. His successor, Don, dear, clumsy old Don, with his rude way of barking amen when he thought the service had been sufficiently prolonged, and his unfortunate habit of utilizing prayer-time by worrying the boots of the kneeling family, had a far more genuine gleam of heaven in his eyes. The house was a-frisk with cats, too, who not only lived in peace with the dogs, but made it their mission to notify all feline tramps of this earthly paradise, so that more than once the sisters, on returning from church or drive, found a new pussy taking her ease on their softest chair-cushion.

Truly the beginnings were simple, yet two elements touched them to greatness, purpose and personality. The Misses Eastman were intent from the first, never on making money, but always on making character. Often and often would they pace up and down in the twilights, talking now together, now with some earnest teacher, now with some enthusiastic girl, of the true scope of woman's life, and the best shaping of studies, the best allotting of responsibilities, toward the end of her noblest development. All their convictions and aspirations, too, they were unconsciously transfusing into the very being of the school through the medium of their own spirits, -how finely fashioned, how sorely chastened, how delicately and richly fulfilled in woman's graces, is known to the multitude who love them. Circumstances have been propitious, counsellors wise, and the corps of teachers able and devoted, but, when all is said, high ideals and two potent personalities, rarely mated, have wrought the great success of Dana Hall. May the sisters, in their new Wellesley home, with Miss Ferry ever beside them, enjoy long years of rest and love and honor, and may those who succeed to the burden and the opportunity find their own labors no less fortunate!

KATHARINE LEE BATES.

THE GROWTH OF THE SCHOOL

TO say that the essential principle of life is growth, is to give an epitome of the story of Dana Hall. Strongly alive in its beginnings its evolution was as inevitable as that in nature itself.

Through that first year of limited resources in the way of room, the numbers knocking at the door for admission increased so much that the necessity for enlarged borders became evident. In the following September, a more than doubled school took possession of an addition containing a fair-sized schoolroom, a gymnasium and recitation room. The added members soon revealed to the always wide-open eyes of the Principals that an increase of the teaching corps was desirable. As with them the good thought is ever the forerunner of a corresponding deed, in the third year the cottage now bearing the name of one of Dana Hall's most honored friends, opened its doors to receive the newcomers. Ferry Cottage, while not separating the teachers from the girls, has still afforded them ample opportunity to enjoy the restful life which gives to the teacher so much of vigor and freshness for her work.

Three years later the sand bank adjoining began to show signs of yielding its stubborn

nature to the mellowing influence of human care, and a new cottage, destined to be the home of Miss Julia and another teacher, rose upon the ruins of the scattered spears of coarse grass which had until that time adorned the spot. Perhaps, now that the beautiful clematis vine has so taken possession of that cottage as to stamp its name upon it, it will not be wrong to whisper to the world the secret of its early naming and reveal the reason why it seemed so long to be nameless. At a christening party when its age was told in weeks, some of the former pupils to whom the selection of a name was assigned, enthusiastic and fresh from a course in Wagner, decided upon Valhalla. The feelings of the resident teachers can be better imagined than described. - Wotan — Brunhilde,—who could sustain the role? Being ordinary mortals, and having to do with their kind, it is no wonder that they shrank from the suggestions which the name offered.

Time passed, and the crowded schoolroom made a pathetic appeal for air and elbowroom. The small recitation rooms refused to expand their walls to receive the enlarged classes, and the imperfectly lighted gymnasium, necessarily used for class-room work, was entirely inadequate. The former geometry classes well remember their peripatetic recitations when the class in toto was obliged to walk about the room to see those combinations of lines in which the near view was sufficiently occult, the dim distant one an incomprehensible mystery.

To the great delight of all concerned the present school building became the Siamese twin of the old Dana Hall. The advantages of expansion were not questioned then, and no one trembled with the fear of imperialism as a result. The long, well-lighted corridor formed an attractive path to the airy school-room, which proved a challenge to work; the large recitation room gave to the teachers an opportunity to use freely the tool so dear to the teachers' heart, —plenty of blackboard; the abundant floor space of the gymnasium was a fine incentive to the enlargement of the scope of the already well-managed physical training.

From strength to strength has been the essential motto of the school. The Principals had in view in their aims and desires only the best that education had to offer. Dana Hall must stand for excellence in work as well as in moral tone. They knew no other word, they conceived no other thought,

and all that generous deeds and broad sympathies could do to accomplish that end was not wanting. No teacher was ever obliged to do more than suggest a reasonable want, none were ever made to feel that they lacked support when help was needed. When a teacher's place was vacant, the same broad policy came into play. Both East and West were the gleaning fields for a new incumbent. Dana Hall, too, has stood for trustfulness and consequent honor among its pupils. It has had the usual number of saints and sinners, very human girls, and far from perfection, but in looking at the results of the system after a test of eighteen years, no one who has followed the outcome can question the wisdom of the principle. It is no wonder that such a spirit has wrought success, and the best success,—the success that bears fruit in lives made stronger and better for its influence; the success that brings from far and near constant testimony to its enduring qualities as a power that uplifts and ennobles the lives that it has touched.

M. VIRGINIA SMITH.

DANA HALL ALUMNAE

THERE are more than six hundred of us Dana Hall girls scattered all through this big continent, even into China, India, Spain, and home again via the Queen's domains, who would like to say a word on all these topics. "The beginning,"—don't we each remember one, when Miss Sarah, out of a strange, home-sick world which had stranded us on the school piazza, swept us into the new life which was Dana Hall? As for the school from the inside and the outside who knows it as we do, we old girls whose world was for a time all inside Dana Hall, and who still measure the outside world against the school lintel and find it But we are not going to say it in We are all coming home this June to print. stand around our school mothers and tell them of the life they fitted us for, to thank them for opening our eyes to the work of the world and strengthening our hands to do it.

One hundred and thirty of us came back two years ago this June and formed a Dana Hall Association, and we have tried to get word to every one of the six hundred urging them to join us in this reunion in June. Letters and pictures are expected from those who cannot be with us, and the classes are hard at work preparing a School Census for exhibition in the Long Corridor.

The Misses Eastman have asked the girls to spend Wednesday night at the Hall. Thursday morning, June 22, the regular meeting of the Association will be held, and after the Alumnæ luncheon we hope the Misses Eastman will let us go with them to their new house and help to christen it before we scatter out into the wide world again.

For one day Dana Hall will be larger than ever before, when like the sea-wife's sons:—

> "Home they come from all the ports The living and the dead; The good wife's girls come home again For her blessing on their head.'

> > ANNIE BEECHER SCOVILLE.

DANA HALL FROM THE INSIDE

TOW that I have come to the last part of my last year at boarding school, I realize how much these four years at Dana Hall mean to me. From the beginning I loved Dana Hall, for I had always longed to live the life of a real boarding-school girl, and so when I came here it was the realization of my dream. I remember that one of the greatest surprises to me at first was the rules. I had expected a great many, but there were only a few, and those very simple plain ones; but how much these meant 1 found afterwards. The school life was all that I had hoped and more. To be sure, it was a little hard to get up promptly at quarter of seven every morning, especially on cold winter days, and it requires practice to dress in just half an hour. I used to long then, too, to enjoy all the privileges of the older girls, and I watched the Seniors with envy as, during the morning study hours, they walked up and down with their books in the warm sunlight. Now that I am one of those who can study outside I appreciate this and all our other privileges the more, for the very reason that I was deprived of them before.

But even that first year when I was a "new girl" there were good times in which I had a share, and there was one especially which we all enjoyed. During the week we are not allowed to buy candy, but on Sunday it is given us at the table; and after dinner it is a curious sight to see eighty girls file from the dining room, each carrying a blue plate

of fruit and candy. When we get upstairs there is a grand exchange, and everywhere you can hear, "Who wants a caramel?" "You can have this orange for a chocolate cream." By half-past three—as the next hour we spend in our rooms—the girls usually have a collection of their favorite pieces. If one is so fortunate as to save her candy and fruit, they may be seen on the table at the Sunday night tea which we have in our rooms. This is a very enjoyable time, for it is great fun to cook things in the chafing dish and eat them cosily with your especial

At the beginning of each fall term all interests centre in the "new girls," and it is the task of the "old girls" to learn their names, dance with them in the gymnasium before evening prayers, and to try to keep them from getting homesick. To help along this good work, on the second Saturday night of the term, a sheet and pillow-case party is given in their honor. Later on, toward the Christmas vacation, is the masquerade to which come both teachers and girls masqued in fancy dress.

The great event of every school year, that is to the girls at large, is the Glee Club Concert. This comes the last part of the second term, and it is to this that the girls invite their friends, if they have any near enough to come. More important still to the Seniors and Juniors are the spreads. There are two each year; one given by the Juniors, the other by the Seniors. For two years I had been allowed to look at the beautifully decorated gymnasium, had helped the girls to dress, had watched them go down, but what happened after they gave their class cheer on going in, remained a mystery. Therefore, how much I enjoyed my first spread can be easily imagined. I do not think it possible for girls to have much better times than we do on these important occasions, when the two classes are brought together round the long tables to sing songs and drink toasts. But at the Junior spread, in spite of all the fun and gaiety, deep down in each Senior's heart, there is the consciousness that this is the last time the two classes will be together and that her four happy years will soon end. It is hard to think that the girls with whom we have such jolly times—dancing in the gymnasium every evening, such exciting games of basket-ball and tennis—will soon be scattered far and wide.

Snrely it would be impossible to know

anyone better than the girls I have known here in Dana Hall, and nowhere else are girls thrown together more constantly. The life at school is mostly a hurried one, full of work and study, but if in our despondent moments we think we "never want to see a book again," we soon realize how much we are gaining, even if we do have to work hard for it. It is such a comfort to feel that Miss Julia, Miss Sarah, and our other teachers understand us, and are always ready to sympathize with us. If the girls improve during the years that they spend at Dana Hall, it is through the influence of those who are over them, and it is to them that we turn to thank them for making us what we are.

MARGARET FRENCH, CLASS OF '99.

DANA HALL FROM THE OUTSIDE

THE story of the Dana Hall school would be incomplete without mention of the close relationship that has always existed between the school and the people of Wellesley. Dana Hall, while it has gathered into its family life representatives from widely separated portions of the world, has ever been and still is distinctively a Wellesley school. The village people feel for it an attachment akin to the family tie; "Our Dana Hall" is the familiar way in which they often refer to and assume a sort of proprietorship in an institution that occupies so large a place in their hearts.

This kindly feeling is due to the loyalty of the Misses Eastman themselves to Wellesley; to their intelligent public spirit; to their lively interest in every movement looking to the upbuilding of a better Christian and municipal life, and to the cordial way in which they have so often shared the social advantages of the school with the people of

the village.

Of hardly less importance has been the hearty co-operation on the part of the pupils of the school in the cultivation of a spirit of neighborliness with the village residents. So warmly have the students always seconded their Principals in this endeavor that they have won not only the confidence and respect but the hearts of the people. The writer does not recall a single instance of a breach of decorum in village relationships by any one of the pupils of Dana Hall, notwithstanding the constant changing of faces and personalities, in all these eighteen years of active school life.

Greatly to be desired as is good scholarship and the art of wielding a facile tongue or pen, of far greater importance, as all believers in true womanhood must maintain, is sterling Christian character. The gentle manners, kindly bearing, and many sweet graces of our young friends of Dana Hall are thoroughly appreciated by those who know the significance and value of what is termed good breeding. The complaints that are frequently heard of later-day education and educators—that the mind is cultivated at the expense of the heart—have never applied to the methods adopted and so consistently maintained by the founders of this institu-

It is Wellesley's rare good fortune that in relinquishing control of the Dana Hall school the Misses Eastman become identified with the life of the village in even a nearer and in a more intimate personal relationship than ever. They do not need any other welcome from a community of which they already form so essential a part than the assurance that it shall be the purpose of the people of Wellesley in every way in their power to pay the large debt due these noble women and public benefactors.

As has already been announced the Misses Eastman relinquish the active management of Dana Hall with the close of the present academic year, when the school passes into the hands of Miss Helen Temple Cooke and her associate principals, Mrs. Harriett E. Page and Miss Jeannie Evans.

Wellesley has cause for still further congratulation, inasmuch as it is believed that under the new administration the traditions of the school will be maintained, and its scope enlarged in progressive directions. The home of the Misses Eastman is to be in the village of Wellesley and their assurance is given that "so far as constant social intercourse with its teachers and pupils is concerned, their withdrawal does not detach them from the school."

Miss Cooke and her associates are not strangers to Wellesley, having been for some time among us in intimate connection with both the College and village life.

It is with great pleasure that Wellesley extends the same pledge of good will and co-operation to the new that has always been accorded the retiring administration of the Dana Hall school.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Subscribers desiring to have their papers sent to any special address during the summer months are requested to send word to that effect to the Publisher of "Our Town," Wellesley Hills, Mass.

Nubscriptions to this paper will be received for the balance of 1899, beginning with the June number, at twenty-five cents each.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

FLOAT DAY. June 20th has been set apart as the date for the annual "Float." The class crews are doing exceptionally good work in rowing this year.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. The program for Commencement week is announced as follows: June 22, Class supper; June 23, Reception at Wood Cottage and Garden-party; June 24, President Irvine's reception to Senior class; June 25, Baccalaureate Sunday, sermon by Rev. William R. Richards, of Plainfield, N. J.; June 26, Class Day, including afternoon Glee Club concert, Class exercises, dances, and evening concert; June 27, Commencement Day, address by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, associate editor of "The Outlook"; June 28, Alumnæ Day.

THE POMEROY BEQUEST. By the will of the late Martha S. Pomeroy, provision is made for the sale of all property not otherwise bequeathed,—as soon as this can be advantageously accomplished,—until the proceeds equal \$60,000. This sum is then to be paid over to the Treasurer of Wellesley College for the erection of a suitable dormitory; the College is also made residuary legatee. No steps will be taken at present towards building the dormitory for which Mrs. Pomeroy's bequest provides, as it is hoped that the new Wilder dormitory will be ready for use in September, '99.

CONCERNING NEXT YEAR'S ADMINIStration. A new distribution of executive responsibility is announced for the coming college year. The duties of President Irvine have included both the business and academic relations of the College, while the duties of Dean Stratton have been the taking charge of the students and of the religious and social life of the College. On assuming her office at the opening of the College year 1899-1900, Miss Hazard, the newly-elected president, will take for her share in executive duty the business and social relations of the College; while Prof. Katharine Coman, of the department of history and economics, who will serve as Dean, will oversee the academic business connected with the work of students, and matter of similar administration. Prof. Coman's course on the French Revolution, which she has usually given, will be carried by Miss Julia S. Orvis, the newly appointed instruc-tor in history. Associate Prof. Woolley will enter upon her appointment as full professor next year, and will take charge of College Hall, - the administrative building and largest dormitory of the College; for this purpose, Miss Woolley will relinquish, next year, an elective course in the history of Christianity, and a substituted course will be carried by Prof. Rush Rhees, of the Newton Theological Seminary.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will close on Sunday, June 25th, for the summer months, opening again on the second Sunday in September.

THE PARISH AID CHAPTER of St. Mary's Guild held a very successful supper and festival on Thursday evening, June 1st. The proceeds will be devoted to the new floor and carpet in the church.

THE RECTORY CLUB will hold its last meeting for the season on Tuesday evening, June 6. There will be the election of officers for the ensuing six months, the receiving of reports and other necessary business.

THE BOYS' FORTNIGHTLY CLUB holds its last meeting for the summer on Tuesday, June 13th. The Club is planning for a week's camping out at Nonesuch Pond in July.

THE NEW FLOOR for the chancel of the church will be of quartered oak, and will be put in early this month. The Parish Aid Society is working to extend the improvements to the aisles of the church later on.

THE ARCHDEACONRY of Lowell held its session in St. Peter's church, Salem, Thursday, June 1st. The annual meeting occurs at this time for the election of missionary officers, reading of reports of Secretary and Treasurer, and hearing of addresses from missionaries throughout the district.



St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

RECTORY. The contract for building the rectory has been awarded to Mr. Parker who will begin work just as soon as the foundation is completed.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the diocese will visit the parish to administer the rite of confirmation to six candidates on Tuesday, June 6. at 4.45 P. M.

MAY BREAKFAST. A tent on the church lawn in which good things to eat were served from noon till late in the evening attracted many last Saturday. The receipts were about \$40. The Breakfast will probably be an annual feature.

MISSIONS. The offering on Whitsunday for the missionary work of the church together with sums that were handed in later amounted to \$115.30. It was distributed as follows: For rebuilding of St. James Church, Amesbury, \$10.00; Fresh Air Fund Episcopal City Mission, Boston, \$10.00; towards Miss Wheeler's salary, Southern Pines, N. C. (colored missions), \$5.00; Archdeaconry assessment, \$35. The balance was sent to the General Board, New York City, with a recommendation that ten dollars each be sent to Archdeacon Ware for his work among the miners of the Black Hills, So. Dakota, and to Bishop Wells of Spokane, Washington, for the hospital of All Saints Cathedral.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. On Wednesday evening, May 31, the annual service for members and associates of the Girls' Friendly Society for the Massachusetts diocese took place in Trinity Church, Boston, the address being given by the Rev. Father Osborne. Previous to the evening observance, tea was served in the main hall of Mechanics' Building, on Huntington Ave., after which members and associates joined in a social reunion, until the signal was given to form the line of procession to Trinity Church. The Wellesley branch of the G. F. S. was represented by an attendance of ten members. On Monday, June 26, the Girls' Friendly Holidav House, in Milford, N. H., will be thrown open for an "at home" day to the officers of the branches all over the State, as has been the custom of late years. An especial feature of interest this year will be the opening of the Convalescent Home, recently added to the Holiday House. Furnishings for this new building are being contributed in large part by individual branches of the Society, and the Wellesley branch is planning to send its quota.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

MRS. CLARA B. BEATTY of Boston will speak to the children and friends of the Unitarian Sunday School on Children's Sunday, June eighteenth. Services commence at 10.45 A. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

AMONG THE INTERESTING MEETINGS for Unitarians in Anniversary Week were the annual meeting of the National Alliance at Church of the Disciples Monday, the Unitarian Association's meetings in Tremont Temple all day and evening Tuesday, the Unitarian Festival Thursday evening presided over by Secretary John D. Long. The Sunday School Society and Young People's Union also held an interesting meeting. The speakers were many and of note. Wellesley Hills was well represented.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 — Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

LET US CONTRIBUTE, on Sunday, June 11, to the support of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will meet any who desire to unite with the Church at the July Communion on Friday evening, June 23, at 8.30 o'clock.

CHILDREN'S DAY. Sunday, June 11, will be observed as Children's Day. Parents desiring to have children baptized are requested to notify the Pastor as soon as possible.

GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT. The members of the Woman's Union generously invited their husbands (if they had them) to join with them in a reception on Thursday evening, June 1st. A social event of this sort adds much to the interest of church work and stimulates fellowship in the parish.

THE MID-WEEK SERVICE. Subjects for the Friday evening meetings for the ensuing month are as follows: June 9, "The Appeal of Childhood to the Missionary Impulse." A talk concerning Sunday School missions. June 16, "The Communion of Saints." June 23, "Personal Communion with God." June 30, "What Makes a Christian Nation?"

A NEW HOME. It is a matter of deep interest to the whole parish that before the end of June the Misses Eastman will take up their residence in the delightful house which is now being completed for them. Such a home is a rich blessing to any community and this Church may well be thankful that it can hope to enjoy even in still fuller measure in the days to come the generous service which these ladies have rendered in its activities.

THE EXTENSION DEBT has at last been covered by pledges and special contributions and will probably be entirely paid off within a short time. The Church, as a whole, is indebted to the Woman's Union for this most welcome achievement. The Union made up its mind a few weeks ago to close up the business. When women make up their minds a good many things are permanently settled. And it only took a few days of systematic canvassing to secure a special contribution of \$235. This amount with outstanding pledges covered the whole amount remaining due on account of the extension finished and occupied in April, 1897.

FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS. There is always something ahead for a church to spend money on. Its plant needs renovation even when no enlargement is necessary. Our church building requires attention at several points. It needs to be painted on the outside. This is desirable quite as much on account of its possible esthetic influence on the village life as for its preservation. The Chapel is much in need of chairs, of a better floor, and of a more suitable platform equipment. How shall we accomplish these things without running into debt again? The answer is easy. Let every member of the congregation, young or old, become a regular contributor to the church support, either by payment of a pew rent, or by a voluntary pledge, or by both methods, and let each do the most and not the least that he can, and we shall have money ahead.

First Congregational Church in Udelleslev Hills

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Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

VOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY of Christian Endeavor. The meetings of the Society are to be continued regularly throughout the summer at halfpast six on Sunday evenings. The Society is beginning to settle into its regular work, and it is hoped that the list of members will soon be increased. The Consecration Meeting, June 4th, is to be led by Miss Alice Hopkins. On June 18, the monthly programme meeting is to be held. The Society is very desirous of increasing its funds, and early in June expects to give a lawn party for that purpose. The meetings are open to all, and young people are especially welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. As the Sunday School will follow its usual custom of closing through July and August, it is hoped that we may have a full attendance during the month of June. The Pastor hopes that the children will not relax their diligence in writing the answers to their questions during the warm weather. The work of the early part of the year was admirable.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. The morning service of the eleventh of June will be devoted as usual to the children. The Sunday School will have charge of the service with especial music and appropriate exercises. It is hoped that there may be, also, the usual presentation of Bibles and service of infant baptism. The Pastor requests that the names of all baptized children who are seven years of age be sent to him by parents or Sunday School teachers, also that parents who desire to have their children baptized send word to him as soon as convenient.

THE PASTOR'S VACATION. On Friday, May 26, at a meeting of the church, it was unanimously voted: "That Mr. Farwell be granted three months leave of absence, beginning June 1, 1899; and that the church extend to him and his family our warmest sympathy and best wishes for their speedy and complete recovery." For this action of the Church, in addition to the constant tokens of sympathy and the generous check received from his people during the past month, the Pastor and his family are deeply grateful. No action could have been more generous or more timely. It is not possible for the Pastor to announce as yet his plans for vacation as they all depend upon future events. He is glad to report that every day seems to mark the progress of his daughter toward health and strength, and that sometime in June the family may be able to undertake the journey to some place at the seaside. His address will be left with Mr. C. C. Thomas and Mr. J. K. Richardson.

Dana Hall Alumnae Association

On June 18, 1897, one hundred and thirty of the old students of Dana Hall met and formed a School Association. The following officers were elected: President, Annie Beecher Scoville, Stamford, Conn.; Vice-President, Edith Howland, Boston, Mass.; Secretary, Mary E. Stranahan, Mercer, Pa.; Treasurer, Clara Keefe Gardner, Chester, Mass.

Anyone who has honorably completed one year at Dana Hall is eligible for membership, and is asked to join the Dana Hall Association by sending her name and fee (\$1.00) to the Treasurer.

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URING the summer the publisher will be glad to forward subscribers' papers to any special address that may be furnished.

N connection with the suggestions for summer reading, made elsewhere in this issue, we desire to call attention to the story just published, by Miss-Edith A. Sawyer, of Wellesley, and entitled "Mary Cameron; a Romance of Fisherman's Island." short and simple in plan, but there is a freshness in the treatment of the materials of the story which interests the reader from the start. Without straining after effects, either by extraordinary language or unreal emotional scenes, the writer tells us of a few very genuine people, who commend themselves to us as quite worth knowing. Wellesley may well take pleasure in her new story writer.

WELLESLEY AS A PLACE OF RESI-DENCE

Relation of Wellesley to Boston

J ELLESLEY is Boston. The relation of this town to the capital is of the same nature as the arm to the body. It is a part of it. The heart throb is felt in the finger tips; the nerves are the telephone and telegraph lines; the veins and arteries are the steam and electric railroad lines; the blood the men flowing through them morning and evening, and to the freshness received through this circulation is due the moral and physical health which is so necessary for vigorous life and action.

It is not, I fancy, fully understood how much the business ability of the citizens of Wellesley does for the city. Without citing individual illustrations we may call attention

to the fact that many of the large corporations of the city, including Banks, Trusts, Insurance Companies, Railroads, have on their governing boards citizens of this town who own largely in them, and in frequent cases direct the operations of their companies. Certainly the financial interests of the two municipalities sustain a close relation to each other. Physically the two are The Metropolitan Park closely allied. System recognizes the vicinage by taking our lands and appropriating some of our less desirable buildings and so ultimately connecting us directly with our sister by a succession of parks and bonlevards. Water Supply of Boston will soon be our own, if we need it, and it is evident that the Sewage System of the Metropolitan District will open to us of necessity before long.

Socially it goes without saying that the two are in close connection. The theatre, the concert, the ball-game, the prize fight, are all within our reach. The clubs, whether of women, ministers, or cranks, are sure of their devotees from Wellesley when they gather in the city. Really now, when the President came to Boston, did it not appear as though it was Wellesley which was detailed to welcome him?

Professionally, too, we assist in filling the roster, for our neighbor editors, artists, musicians, teachers, of no mean repute, have their home with us.

If some of the history of State politics were known, it would appear that Wellesley men pulled some of the wires which have elected governors and mayors.

I am aware, however, that the main object intended by assigning this subject to me is that I may call attention to the desirability of Wellesley as a suburban residence for Boston. One very essential advantage it has,—it is easy of access. Although in distance it is somewhat greater than Brookline and the Newtons, yet in time it is hardly farther than any of them, as our expresses run in in about twenty minutes. Certainly we are not too remote from the business centre. The means of access, too, are very attractive, especially when we compare ourselves with other towns and cities equally distant.

The Boston & Albany R. R., with its artistic stations and their beautiful surroundings, with its garden-like banks, its cleanly trains, its courteous employes, its close adherence to its time-tables, its reasonable fares, is without question the most desirable

means of communication with the city afforded to any community in the country. The difference between holding to a strap for half an hour to an hour going to Harlem, or even to Cambridge, and a comfortable seat in an Albany train, is enough to turn the tables in favor of our home if there were no other reason. The town is still rural, and will be for many years to come. It can hardly ever be as compactly built as the lower towns, and must continue to be a breathing place for the business men of the city. With us are good roads with some hope of future improvement, schools which are on a par with those of the city, the best of water, street lights which may and must be better, good sidewalks, and with all not a? high rate of taxation.

Another advantage we offer to our friends of the city is the low average price of land, an important item in our advantages, allowing the purchase of a large area for the same amount of money requisite for the ownership of a small lot in the lower towns. And finally we offer to any coming among us a completely organized community, with full choice of churches, clubs of all sorts, social, athletic, business, with full equipment of municipal government, and in general a harmonious, pleasant community, small enough to escape cliques and large enough to allow all the advantages which numbers and wealth admit.

So we say to Boston: "Here is your best bed-room, the chamber is well aired, the sheets are clean, the mattress comfortable, the screens are in, the quiet invites you to repose, and the singing of birds will wake you in the morning."

JOSEPH E. FISKE.

SUMMER READING

READING in the summer time is apt to become as aimless as all other effort. Heat compels relaxation, and relaxation is usually taken to mean the entire abandoning of all serious purpose. If man ever shows signs of his descent from the primeval jelly-fish it is during July and August.

But there is distinct harm in letting the mind relapse into usclessness. The inertia thus developed is hard to overcome when cooler weather returns. And we have learned that rest and recreation are not best gained by absolute inactivity. In fact the mind usually reasserts its own rights to be

kept alive even in summer. It is bound to feed on something and will take a pretty coarse diet rather than nothing.

A prominent newspaper editor once offered the following remarks on the reading habits of the people:

"A great evil of the day is that so much time is given to the desultory reading of periodicals. Every intelligent person will endeavor to keep informed in daily news and current events, but it is not necessary to read a newspaper entirely through to do that. Judicious skipping, wise selection, the art of glancing at headlines, and absorbing the salient facts where details are trivial and unnecessary, will enable one to get more information from a newspaper in a few moments than an undiscriminating reader will obtain in an hour. The same thing is true of magazines. The fact is, the magazines are too tempting. They allure us to give them all or most of the leisure which is left after we are through with the newspapers. Read the newspapers and magazines, of course; but read also books, and books that are seasoned and tried. Emerson's idea that we ought not to read any book that is not at least a year old is an extreme view and would certainly be discouraging to authors; but there is a degree of truth in it. To read books that people are talking about simply because they are talking about them is to read from a trivial motive and with questionable profit.'

These remarks certainly have their application in the summer time. If there is less mental energy at that season than in the winter, it is so much the more essential that such energy should be wisely directed. It is easy to give advice and still easier to refuse it. The following suggestions as to summer reading, therefore, will be of value only in so far as they formulate that experience which but few men and women fail to gain for themselves:

1. Do not expect to read too much. If you do, you will surely fall short of your expectation. The quantity one reads does not measure culture at any season of the year. A few well-chosen books read during warm weather, a few good magazine articles thoroughly digested, and a sparing but very choice dessert of a less nutritious but most palatable miscellany will prove at the summer's end the most satisfactory diet.

2. Read something which is appropriate to the time and place. If you are in the mountains, under the trees, by the brooks, on the shore of the sea, take with you writings that are full of Nature's secrets and can bring you into intimate friendship with her. There are those who have learned the ocean's moods; let them be your interpreters. There are travelers who know well the places you visit; let them introduce you. There are a few great-hearted Nature lovers who can

put you in touch with Nature anywhere. Call upon them to inspire you. The poets are always at hand. Thoreau, and John Burroughs, and our own Bradford Torrey have offered to share with you the wealth of their observation. Both mountain and seashore, city and hill-town, have their romances and their individual charms. And a long list of genuine souls have written these things out for our reading.

- 3. Read some book that is not light reading. It is an injustice to suppose that the Creator has so blundered with the seasons as to make it impossible for the human mind to do serious work, for nearly one quarter of the time. To let the summer go by without any real mental exertion is to waste time sadly. It is not necessary to return to the text-books of the winter. There are always subjects awaiting our investigation. constant grapple of the mind with subjects bigger than itself will some day make it strong enough to enter the company of the greatest thinkers. A summer is worth far more to anyone who during its months masters at least one book which requires concentration and vigorous effort.
- 4. Read only writers of acknowledged merit. Life is too short for others. Few of us are called upon to pronounce upon unknown writers. And since we are not, we can well afford to demand some credentials from those who would take hours of time. Nothing can be more vicious than the common habit of the summer traveler to allow a newsboy to select a novel for him to read. There is some company which every right-minded person is ashamed to keep. And there are many books which it brings one no credit to have read.
- 5. Finally, read something. The range of good literature is a wide one. There is no ground for refusing to read because there is nothing adapted to one's need. Literature, today, meets every need, and it is our own loss if we lose out of our lives, even in the short summer, the stimulus and strengthening which may be gained from books.

EDWARD II, CHANDLER.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

A MONG the few local events which concern all the townspeople, regardless of age, creed, or bank account, the annual graduating exercises of the Wellesley High

School are perhaps the most interesting. All the citizens feel a proprietorship in this occasion. It is their School. Every family has either a past, present, or prospective interest in its progress. And the pupils gathered on the platform on this June evening are representative of the whole town.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Wellesley Congregational Church, which is honored each year by the presence of the School, should always be crowded to the doors. Fathers, mothers, maiden aunts, little brothers and sisters, past graduates, selectmen, visitors, all come to see the "coming generation" begin its career and make its bow to the world. Harry's handsome appearance in his new graduation suit, Mary's pretty white dress, are the touches of nature which make the whole world kin. there is the sense of achievement which always touches the popular chord. diploma is a sign of something actually done, The next best thing to being the successful one is to see such an one in the moment of his triumph and to appland his success.

The exercises this year illustrate the change in such occasions which has come to pass almost within a decade. Only a few years ago original orations and essays were required of all the candidates for a diploma. It was customary then to hear nearly all the great questions which trouble the minds of men, both small and great, decided on the graduation platform. It must be a sign of the increasing wisdom of those who finish a high school course today that they have declined to cover the universe in ten-minute speeches and choose some form of exhibiting their talents which it will be more satisfactory for them to remember in later years.

In the program of this year there was but one oration. That was upon a live topic, "America's Duty to the Philippines," and given in a live way. The speaker, Mr. Ralph Tucker, felt his subject and made the audience feel it. He deserves congratulation on having overcome the weakness of nearly all schoolboy orations, namely, the lack of reality. Usually the hearers, following the example only too often set by the speaker, think nothing of the message of the oration, but only of the form in which it is delivered. In this case it was not so.

The noticeable characteristic of these modern graduating exercises was the variety in the parts taken. Misses Osborne and Fish gave dramatic recitations with a considerable

degree of genuine talent; Mr. Rothery read a suggestive essay on "The Passing of the Ship": Miss Pratt sang a group of songs; Mr. Sandstedt played a piano selection; Mr. Jennings, the efficient marshal of the occasion, presented a ten-volume set of Stoddard's illustrated lectures to the School; and Misses McLaughlm and Gilson, with Mr. Brown, foretold in a breezy conversation the future progress of their classmates. This varied program, introduced by an English (not Latin, thank fortune!) salutatory address, by Mr. Tenney, and closed by the history and valedictory address of Miss Butler, left a pleasant impression on the minds of the audience and gave each member of the class a chance to do something congenial.

The whole school joined together in the music, which was exceptionally good.

The names of the graduating class are as follows:

Walter Creighton Brown Annie Butler Grace Belle Fish Isabel Clethra Gilson George Hoyt Jennings Grace Mary McLaughlin Ethel Weston Osborne Lucie Clement Pratt John Loring Rothery

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EVENING DEPARTMENT

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Members of the Club are reminded that the annual membership fee is now due. The Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret A. Jones, will be at home to receive fees and to issue membership tickets on Thursday afternoons during the summer.

OUR TOWN

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

MISS CAROLINE HAZARD, president elect, will be inaugurated on Tuesday, October 3d. Presidents Eliot, of Harvard, and Angell, of Michigan University, will deliver addresses.

CLOSE OF THE VEAR. Beginning with the Senior Class supper, held at the Woodland Park hotel, Auburndale, Thursday evening, June 22, the events of Commencement week came close together. On Friday afternoon following, the Seniors gave a reception and garden party on the Cottage Hill campus: on Saturdiv evening, President Irvine and Dean Stratton received the Seniors and their friends in the Stone Hall parlor; and on Sunday the ba calcurrate sermon was preached by Rev. William R. Richards, of Plainfield, N. J., who took his text from Philippians 3: 10, -" That I may know Him." The final vesper service of the year was held on Sunday evening, in the new chapel. The Glee Club concert and the Class Day exercises on Monday brought together a larger number of guests than any of the former occasions, and there was an equally large attendance at the Commencement concert, given Monday evening, by the Boston Instrumental Club. On Commencement Day, June 27, the address was delivered by Mr. Hamilton Wright Mabie, editor of 'The Ontlook.

THE ANNUAL FETES and Diamatic Entertainments. Tree Day and Float, the two distinctive annual fêtes, need be given hardly more than passing comment. Tree Day, which was effectively carried out this year, was a gargeous pageant and a great success. This is essentially the students' day. Float, the privilege of the outside world, suffered total extingtion on the appointed night, by reason of the heavy showers. The three drimatic entertainments given during the past month have indicated a great development of insight into and appreciation of the spirit of the literature studie I and the characters personated. Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice," adapted by Miss Martha Gauze Mc Caulley, of the Class of '92, was presented admirably by the Zeta Alpha Society. early in the month. For the Shickespeare Society's play, now an established annual event. "As You Like It" was shosen this year, and was charmingly given, in an out-look performance, on the afternoon of the 17th, and again on the 21st. Lastly, the Senior dramatic entertainment, an innovation made three years ago, was well carried out, the Elizabethan play. Beanmont and Fletcher's "Knight of the Burning Pestle." with its old-time satting, being effectively presented on the evening of the 23d.

NOTABLE EVENTS: $-\Lambda ext{ND} - \Lambda ext{NNOUNCE}$ ments. Foremost in the events of the month stands out the dedication of the Honghton Memorial Chapel, Inne 1st, when an impressive service was held and an address made by Rev. Charles Cuthbert Hall. D. D., of New York. On the 19th, Dr. George Adam Smith, of the Fre Church College. Glasgow, gave an interesting lecture in the old chapel, on the "Poetry of Wisdom: The Book of Proverbs." To a Wellesley graduste student. Miss Lillian Brandt, has been awarded the annual prize of \$100, by the Massachusetts Society of Colonial Dames, for the best essay in colonial history. Announcement is made of a second scholarship gift from Miss Helen M. Gould of New York, with further provision also for the support of needy students in the College. Miss Gould's first gift to Wellesley was the Helen Day Gould scholarship, founded in 1896, in memory of her mother.

Wellesley Congregational Church

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REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

VACATION ARRANGEMENTS. The Pastor and his family will be away during the month of August. Dr. J. B. Gregg of Colorado Springs, Rev. D. M. Pratt, formerly of Portland, Me., and Rev. A. W. Vernon of Hiawatha, Kansas, have been invited to supply the pulpit on three of the four August Sundays.

The Sunday School will be continued in all departments, with the course of lessons now being studied.

Sunday evening services in the church will be omitted and a service, in charge of the Christian Endeavor Society, will be held at seven o'clock, in the Chapel

The Woman's Union meetings are suspended until September.

EXCHANGE. On Sunday Morning, July to, the Pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. Frank S. Weston, pastor of the Baptist Church in Natick.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. The topics for the Friday evening meetings in July will be as follows: July 7, "The Christian Endeavor Society"; July 14, "The forgiveness of sins"; July 21, "Opportunities for Christian service in the summer"; July 28, "The resurrection of the body": Aug. 4, "The soul's need that the body rest."

OUR STUDENT MEMBERS. It is a fact worthy of record that four of the members of this church are geaduated this year from Wellesley College. Miss Grace A. Andrews, Miss Alice F. Chandler, Miss Ethel D. Hubbard, and Miss Anna P. King, are members of the Class of 1800. Miss Annie Butler, another member of this church, was the valedictorian of this year's graduating class from the Wellesley High School. She will enter Wellesley College in the fall.

Wellesley wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

THE LADIES OF THE ALLIANCE will hold a sile of cake, lemonade, candies, and ice cream at the Parsonage, on July 4th, afternoon and evening, opening at half past two.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. The Sunday School took part in the morning service with singing and recitations appropriate for Flower Sunday. Mrs. Beatty made an address to the school which was helpful and much enjoyed. Potted plants were distributed to members of the school at the close of the service.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE. On Wednesday, June 14, a delegation, ten in number, attended the June meeting of the South Middlesex Conference, held at Weston. It was the one hundredth meeting of the Conference. Rev. Mr. DeLong of Medford spoke on the past of the Conference, and Rev. Mr. Pulsford, of Waltham, on "The Future It Might Have." The devotional meeting, at noon, was conducted by Rev. W. I. Lawrence, of Winchester. In the afternoon, after the election of officers. Mrs. Mary Clarke Smith, of Wellesley Hills, spoke of the value of women's organizations in church work. Rev. Minot O. Simons, of Billerica, on "Young Peoples' Unions," and Rev. Edward A. Horton on "Our Sunday Schools." The Conference was bountifully entertained at noon by the Unitarian Society of Weston.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL closed its sessions on June 25th and will open the second Sunday in September.

MR. LOUIS WESTON, of Cambridge, is the present organist, and his work is very acceptable to the parishioners.

THE CHOIR will not sing during July in the afternoon. During the month of August a quartette will supply the singing

THE VARIOUS CHAPTERS of St. Mary's Guild have closed up their work, which will be resumed in the fall.

THERE WILL BE no afternoon service in July and August. The early services will be suspended also until September.

MR. CHARLES J. BUFFUM has become the choir-master, and is giving entire satisfaction. Mr. Buffum has had years of experience in vested choir work, and brings a churchman's interest and love for our service, as well as technical skill to the position.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL picnic was held at Norumbega Park, on Saturday, June 24. About sixteen attended.

THE RECTORY is fast approaching completion. Much satisfaction is expressed at the thoroughness and solidity of the work. It is hoped that the house will be ready for occupancy about the first of October.

EVENING SERVICES during July will be held at seven o'clock, instead of quarter past seven, as usual. The service will be very brief, with five minutes address.

THE RECTOR'S VACATION occurs in August. The Rev. Frederick Lauderburn of Tamaqua, Pa., will have charge of the services for the month. Mr. Lauderburn is the son of our senior warden. He comes to us for the second time, and may be sure of a hearty welcome from those who remember his helpful services last year.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. Owing to the absence of a large majority of its members, the Girls' Friendly Society will not meet during the summer months. The last meeting of the season was held on Saturday evening, June 24th.

The report of the past year's work of the Wellesley branch, called for with that of each other branch, by the Massachusetts Council, June 1, shows the following facts regarding membership: Honorary members, 2; working associates, 4; members now in residence, 14; candidates for membership, 2. The Society suffers somewhat from the loss of members, through removal, but this loss has been more than counterbalanced the past year by the incoming of new members.

On Saturday evening, June 17, Mrs. Geo. N. Lowe. an honorary member of the Society, opened her house and grounds at Wellesley Hills for a garden party. Refreshments were served out of doors, and an orchestra, stationed on the veranda, played delightfully throughout the evening. About eighty people were present, and the proceeds from the sale of admission tickets, ices, etc., have been given to the Society toward the purchase of a banner.

First Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills

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COMMUNION SERVICE. On Sunday morning, July 2, Dr. G. M. Adams will officiate. It is hoped there will be a full attendance of members of the church and congregation.

OUR PASTOR AND FAMILY. We are glad to say that the health of our Pastor and his family is is greatly improved. The siege of sickness, which held them prisoners within the walls of their home so long, has been raised, and they have escaped to the shores of Maine, where, in Sargentville, a quiet, restful retreat, with pure air and invigorating sea breezes. there is every reason to expect their complete restoration to health.

PULPIT SUPPLY. During the past month it has been our privilege to have with us in the pulpit Dr. S. W. Dike, Dr. F. N. Peloubet, and Rev. A. W. Kelly. During July we shall hear Dr. Geo. M. Adams, Dr. Henry A. Hazen, Rev. C. P. Osborne, and Rev. S. L. B. Speare. Mr. Osborne will speak in the interest of the Boston Seaman's Friend Society.

TOPICS FOR FRIDAY EVENING meetings: July 7, "What maketh a Christian nation?" Deut. 8: Ps. 33: 10-22; 2 Pet. 2:9-10. July 14, Praise Meeting. led by T. W. Travis. July 21, "How do good people set bad examples?" Gal. 2:11-14; 4:0-11; 5:1-7; Rev. 2:1-5. July 28, "The grace of humility." Matt. 18:1-4; 20:20-28; Mark 7:24-30.

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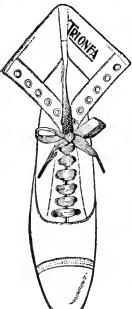
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EDITORIAL

TO THOSE who go here and there vacationing let it be said that whatever inspiration or strength they gain, be it bodily or spiritual, they are in duty bound to bring back to the town in full measure. As citizens we are members one of another, and it is our duty, as well as our opportunity, to share our inspirations. It is a good thing for the town to have its people visit other places often. Every suggestion gained by any one of us from the success or failure of other communities in their co-operative efforts can be made of value in influencing our own community life to the best results.

A Fenceless Town

T HAS been popular for some years to decry fences. Wellesley has felt the force of this tide of sentiment and is a town largely without fences. Visitors and strangers are led, on this account, to comment on the garden-like appearance of the town. There is a hospitable look about it, as if you invited all out doors to surround you, and were willing to be scrutinized on all sides of your house. Even the great picket fence of the College has at last been compelled to yield to the new sentiment, and on all sides the College grounds are frankly open to the unobstructed vision of the passer-by.

But there is another side to the question, as parents with young children well know. Now we have no enclosed back yards, and an enclosed back yard is a necessity to the highest civilization of any family. children play now on anybody's lot, or else they stay in the house because there is nothing smaller than the whole town to roam about in. A child's out-door confidences are not fully developed by an unending expanse of green lawn, broken only by an occasional flower bed or the painfully contrasting display of clothes poles and the family wash. They tell us that a sand heap is a good thing for children. But if you have no back yard your sand heap, being hardly an ornament, is not deemed beautiful enough for the public gaze, and therefore the child's pleasure is sacrificed to the no-fence fetich.

There must be some compromise in this Unquestionably it improves our streets to see house-fronts open to the sidewalk, and each house lot in friendly relations with its neighbor, separated by no barrier. But this does not require an unfenced enclosure behind the house any more than it requires that the curtains of your house should be taken down in order that the public may know how friendly you are. Each family, especially the children, needs an enclosed space, out-of-doors, where it can live a private rather than a public life. There is the children's play ground and special garden or flower bed. There the housekeeper may hang out her clothes, and do numberless necessary things which she would much prefer to do unexposed to the public gaze. There may be the out-door workshop for the male members of the family.

Then let the fences come down in front of the houses, so that every one who passes along the street may feel the householder's good will and genial neighborliness. the parlor curtains stay up oftener than is common after the lamps are lit, that light and good cheer may be manifest. will be no doubt of the neighborliness of a community when its people have warm hearts and earnest lives. But such hearts and lives cannot be developed without a large degree of privacy. Fenceless homes are no guarantee of neighborliness: sometimes their occupants are driven into a harder shell of selfishness for the very lack of the board enclosure.

WELLESLEY AS A PLACE OF RESI-DENCE

III. The Healthfulness of Wellesley

COME time ago there were only six towns in the State which had a lower mortality rate than Wellesley; an average, covering a period of years, which gives some idea of what a healthful place our town is. We must thank nature, in part, for this good record, for the soil on which by far the larger portion of our inhabitants live is of the kind best adapted for residence—a sandand-gravel material covered with light loam, through which surface water rapidly disappears. Few realize the importance of having a dry soil beneath the house, where nearly all pass about half of life and many nearly the whole. If you were to ask some of our best informed old residents about the healthfulness of the town, they would reply by saying that Dr. Bowditch used to send his patients here to live. His fame at home and abroad need not be mentioned here in support of the significance of this fact; and perhaps none of his works contributed more to his fame than that wherein he proved that soil moisture is contributory to the development of pulmonary tuberculosis, and that therefore its absence should be made certain in the homes of those having weakness of that kind. Other disease tendencies are also established or intensified by soil moisture. Of course Wellesley has no soil peculiar to the town but we may fairly presume that Dr. Bowditch knew the town to stand high in point of soil-dryness and to be not wanting in other good qualities, else he would not have entrusted his patients to her influences.

We cannot be too grateful for the security resting in a supply of water pure and abundant as that with which our people are provided. In no case known to the writer has any well-grounded suspicion ever been attached to our drinking water as a diseasecarrier, and with our new source and new reservoir we may reasonably feel disease-

proof from that source.

We have plenty of pure air in Wellesley, certainly out doors, and we should see to it that it is as pure indoors. We are not obliged to inhale air contaminated with products of manufacture, filth, or decay. Street sprinkling and street cleaning, in so far as they keep irritating dust and poisons out of the air we breathe, modify the frequency and force of catarrhal conditions and thus bear more or less upon the public health. If this is doubted, let the doubter spend a windy, dusty day in the streets of any town which does not enjoy this advantage.

Every influence toward a higher standard of purity of whatever we take into our bodies, be it air, food, milk, water or what not, is an influence toward the attainment of the highest degree of public health. To secure this is the function of the Board of Health, and it must be apparent that to that end we need a separate Board of Health, chosen with reference to adaptability for performing that

function. They are the guardians of the public health; their duty is not completed when a card is nailed to an infected house or a nuisance complained of abated. They should foresee dangers and obstacles to the healthfulness of a public unlearned and in some instances very careless in these matters, and use the power given them by law.

As a town we are behind the times in some things of importance. For instance, we are entitled to reasonable assurance that all milk offered for sale in the town is clean and produced by healthy cows. It is not intended to imply that the contrary exists, but who knows? Some towns in the State consider it of sufficient importance to enforce such a requirement; why should not we? Cows' milk is the sole food of many of our little ones, of some from the day of their birth. Yet we buy what is offered us and feed it to those sensitive and delicate beings —all the more exclusively when sick—without the slightest real knowledge that some of the cows which produced that milk may not be diseased, or the milk itself handled without reasonable cleanliness. The question of healthy and clean milk is admittedly of paramount importance, and Boards of Health everywhere can render humanity an incalculable service by following the best light to be had in dealing with it. Then, too, we should do as some other towns are doing, in providing facilities for prompt bacteriological diagnosis in eases where diphtheria is suspected. Such an opportunity would be of slight expense and would doubtless lead to early discovery of cases which might be undetected otherwise for days, and so perhaps save much exposure to this disease. Public health is a department of science, a field receiving study and research, in which valuable progress is being made. town ought to have a Board of Health chosen from men interested in such progress, and in its practical application.

The question of sewage disposal is becoming an important one, although present conditions may not be said to have impaired the public health. A satisfactory system of sewerage will be a further guarantee of the town's continued healthfulness and an added feature of attractiveness.

Let the principle that prevention is better than cure be the guide in all things pertaining to public or private health, and our present high position will be maintained.

EDWARD E. BANCROFT.

IV. The Wellesley Water Works

IN 1883, or sixteen years ago, the first move was made toward a water supply for the town of Wellesley. The population at that time was less than three thousand, and we had hardly established ourselves as a new town after our separation from the mother town of Needham in 1881.

No doubt it seemed to many like a venturesome undertaking, something really beyond our needs, perhaps beyond our means. They may have felt that the idea emanated from the visionary brains of people who were not satisfied with what they had, or with what their fathers before them had. However that may have been, the number who hold such ideas today is very small indeed.

Hard work was done by those who believed that a public water supply would prove a blessing to the town. Much time and careful thought was expended in planning and executing, and the water works system was established. What seemed on its apparent completion as a finished thing immediately began to grow, and will continue to grow with the increasing needs of the people.

On the supposed completion of the works, in the spring of 1885, there was one pumping engine, one reservoir, one filter gallery, from which the supply was taken, and a little over thirteen miles of distribution pipe, supplying the larger part of the citizens of the town.

Today there are two pumping engines, two reservoirs, one filter gallery, one large supply well at the "Williams Spring," thirty-three driven wells from thirty to sixty feet deep, located near Rosemary Brook, and twenty-eight and one-half miles of distribution pipe.

The population has grown to about forty-three hundred, and the valuation, including bank and corporation stocks, to \$8,866,838.11, an increase of \$1 % since 1885.

The cost of the water works system has increased from \$125,000 in 1885 to \$306,107.06 at the beginning of the present year.

The consumption of vater increased steadily from 19,000,000 gallons in 1885 to 93,000,000 gallons in 1890. On the introduction of meters at this time, the consumption, or rather the combined consumption and waste, decreased to 64,000,000 gallons in 1895, notwithstanding a large increase in the number taking water.

In 1896, 71,000,000 gallons were pumped; in 1897, 65,000,000 gallons; and in 1898, which was a wet season, only 61,000,000 gallons were pumped. The meter system has proved almost entirely satisfactory, and is no doubt the only just and equitable method to be used in fixing water rates.

What Wellesley will be at the end of another sixteen years, and what the extent of its water plant will be, is an interesting speculation.

Our supply is what is termed a ground water, in distinction from a surface water supply; that is, our water, like that of Newton, Brookline, Waltham, Foxboro, Mansfield, Webster, Needham, Dedham, and many other towns, is drawn from below the surface of the ground and is well or spring water. Being pumped to a covered reservoir, it is kept cool, and the light being excluded there are no troublesome microscopic growths which require light for their development, and which impair the transparency of the water while alive, and upon their death and decay often impart unpleasant tastes and odors to the water.

Surface water supplies are from ponds, lakes or rivers. Such water is usually a little softer, not as clear, at certain seasons having more or less color, and sometimes a slight earthy taste or odor. When surface water of good quality is stored in large, carefully prepared artificial reservoirs, as will be the case with the new Metropolitan Supply, the result is satisfactory. Surface water is perhaps a little more liable to contamination than ground water. The latter is generally thoroughly filtered in its passage through the earth to the point at which it is taken.

Many surface water supplies are now filtered artificially, either through sand or mechanical filters, as they are called, before use. In this way comparatively poor water can be greatly improved, and rendered entirely fit for domestic use.

Ground water supplies are more limited in amount than surface water supplies, and only the smaller cities and towns can be supplied with this naturally filtered water. Even these communities are not always fortunate enough to have within their limits the right conditions of soil and contour of surface to furnish such a supply, since a large area of porous gravel of good depth with a large water shed to feed it is required.

The lower portion of the valley of Rosemary Brook fairly well fulfils these conditions, and with proper economy in the use of water it will furnish a ground water for some years. In the future, whenever it becomes necessary, we can increase our supply by building a modern sand filter and filtering the water of Rosemary Brook, which will give us an excellent supply of large amount.

The quality of Wellesley water compares very favorably with that of other towns, and cannot fail to be one of the attractive features of our town. One of the greatest blessings to a community is an abundant supply of pure water, and this Wellesley certainly

possesses.

The cost of the water system in proportion to inhabitants, owing to the great length of distribution pipe required to reach our scattered population, is probably higher than any town in Massachusetts. In spite of this fact, there is no doubt that the citizens are thoroughly satisfied with the investment they have made. We should, however, carefully guard our expenditures, that our water debt may not grow to undue proportions, for with this, as with all other debts, there must be a day of reckoning.

F. L. FULLER.

JUDGE GEORGE WHITE

EORGE WHITE, judge of probate and insolvency for Norfolk County, and the oldest judge in Massachusetts in point of service, died at his home on Wales street, late Saturday evening, July 29. The death was sudden and unexpected, although he had been ill for several weeks.

He was born in Quincy, and was 77 years of age. He was the son of Nathaniel and Mehitable Curtis White. He received his early education in the schools of Quincy, and fitted for college at Phillips Exeter Academy, then under the management of Dr. Soule.

He was graduated from Yale College in 1848, where he was elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. Later, he entered the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1850. He studied law with the Hon. Robert Rantoul, Jr., and on his motion was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1851, and immediately became his partner, with the firm name of Rantoul & White. After the death of Mr. Rantoul, he formed a connection with the Hon. Asa French, with whom he continued in partnership until 1858.

Mr. White took an active interest in the

schools of Quincy, and for several years was a member of the School Committee. He was also a prominent member of the Unitarian Society of that town, acting on its parochial committee, and serving for many years as teacher and Sunday school superintendent.

In 1851, with Gideon F. Thayer, founder of the Chauncy Hall School, Boston, he purchased and edited the "Quincy Patriot."

In 1853, Mr. White was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention from Quincy, with William S. Morton as his associate. As a member of this body, he was the author of the article in the proposed new constitution relating to the House of Representatives. This article, together with all the others proposed, was rejected by the people at the election which passed upon the work of the convention. Yet a few years afterward its principle became a part of the State constitution.

Mr. White was elected president of the Young Men's Convention held at Worcester in 1857, which nominated Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks for governor. Gen. Banks had been elected speaker of the National House of Representatives the year before, which was the first national triumph of the antislavery party in this country.

In July, 1858, Mr. White was appointed judge of probate and insolvency for Norfolk County, which office he held at the time of his death. Since then, aside from his judicial duties, Judge White was engaged in the

management of a number of estates.

In 1863 he married Miss Frances May Edwena Noyes, the only child of Edward Noyes of Boston, and granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Noyes, first pastor of the Wellesley Congregational Church. Mr. Edward Noyes was a prominent druggist, and a member of the firm of Maynard & Noyes. Judge White leaves a widow and three children, George Rantoul White of Phillips Exeter Academy, Mary Hawthorne, wife of Charence A.Bunker, and Edward Noyes White.

Judge White had been a resident of Wellesley since 1863.

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The tidal wave unto the sea;

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— John Burroughs.

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THE PULPIT will be occupied on August 6 and 13 by Rev. Dr. Gerhart, of New Jersey.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Vacation will continue through August, and work will be resumed the first Sunday in September.

LAWN PARTY. On the evening of August 7, the Christian Endeavor Society will give a lawn party on the church grounds to raise money to meet the regular expenses of the Society. Ice cream, cake, candy, and lemonade will be on sale. An entertainment of a musical character will be provided. Admission free. All are invited.

FAVORABLE REPORTS continue to be received concerning the good health and improved condition of our Pastor and his family. They are still enjoying the cool and refreshing ocean breezes at Sedgwick, Maine. We hope another month will see them at home again, bringing all the benefits of vacation with them.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY of Christian Endeavor continues to hold its meetings through the summer at 6.30 on Sunday evenings. The regular monthly "programme meeting" will be held on Aug. 13, and a special missionary meeting on August 20. The consecration meeting, held as usual on the first Sunday in the month, will be led by Miss Putney. All the members are urged to be present or send some response to the roll-call.

The meetings of the Society are open to all and every one is welcome, particularly the young people of the Church.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 — Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

THE PASTOR and his family are to spend the month of August in Newburyport, Mass., occupying the parsonage of the Belleville Congregational Church.

MISS VINTIHA INGRAM will play the organ at the Sunday morning services during the vacation of Mr. Stone, the organist.

MHSS ALICE STEVENS, a member of this Church, has become the assistant superintendent of the Branch Department of the Boston Public Library.

MISS BARBARA MERRILL, a former member of the Class of 1902, Wellesley College, and at present a member of this Church, was married, on July 26, to Rev. Ernest M. Bartlett, pastor of the Rockdale Congregational Church, Northbridge, Mass.

THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES have been well maintained so far this summer, and both young and old are finding it profitable to work together. A cordial invitation is extended to all readers of this item to be present and help make the summer Sunday evenings of special profit.

AUGUST PREACHERS. Two of the ministers, mentioned in the last issue as expected to preach in August, were unable to accept the invitation extended to them. The arrangements finally made are as follows: August 6, the Pastor; Aug. 13, Rev. A. J. Covell, of Lynn; Aug. 20, Rev. D. M. Pratt, formerly of the Williston Church, Portland, Maine; Aug. 27, Prof. Frank E. Woodruff, of Bowdoin College.

THE NOVES TOMB. It is a matter of regret that after nearly a century since it was built in the Church cemetery, the front of the tomb in which the first pastor of this Church, Rev. Thomas Noyes, was buried, should have fallen down. We who have entered into the labors of this faithful man owe him more than we can estimate. Ought it not to be our privilege to pay our respect to his last earthly resting place, and make it a beautiful, rather than an uncomely spot?

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

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THE RECTOR. During the first two or three weeks of August the address of the Rector will be. "The Red Rock," King's Beach, Lynn, Mass. He will be ready to return at a moment's notice in case any one desires his pastoral services. Otherwise, the Rev. Mr. Lauderburn may be called upon.

THE SERVICES during August will be continued as usual, in the morning at half-past ten, in the evening at seven. Celebrations of the Holy Communion at half-past seven on the mornings of Aug. 13 and 20; at half-past nine on Aug. 27. The Rev. Frederick Lauderburn, rector of Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Pa., will take charge of the services in the absence of the rector.

AS THE MUSIC during the summer is entirely congregational, it is hoped that the congregation will join heartily in all the hymns and chants as well as in the other parts of the service assigned to the congregation. Nothing encourages a minister more than good vigorous responses, particularly the "amens" at the end of the prayers. A listless people very often make a listless priest. Give your leader in the worship of the church a strong support and he will serve you more effectively.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871 .

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH will be closed until the second Sunday in September.

THE FOURTH OF JULY ice cream sale of the "Alliance" realized a satisfactory financial return. From this a liberal contribution to the "carpet fund" was made.

AT THE PARISH MEETING of the Unitarian Church, held last Tuesday evening to take action on calling a pastor to succeed the late Rev. A. B. Vorse, after a short discussion it was voted that the matter be postponed until autumn, when there would be a larger representation of the parish at home.

IN GENERAL

DANA HALL is being extensively remodeled. The large attic of the school building, heretofore unused, is being opened up by eight gable windows, and will furnish half a dozen bed rooms in addition to a large studio and a good-sized class room. The studio will be in the center and light is to be admitted through a glass roof.

In the older building many changes are being made. The front door will hereafter be on the north instead of the south side. Two large parlors will occupy the Grove street end, with a wide hall across to the former entrance and the Principal's rooms on the opposite side. Electric lights have been introduced into the whole building, and new paint and paper are freshening up rooms and corridors.

With the two cottages on Colby street accommodations will be provided for one hundred and five boarding pupils. Present indications are that the

school will be full next year.

WELLESLEV COLLEGE. This certainly is a building era. Hard upon the dedication of the Houghton Memorial Chapel followed the beginning of the Wilder dormitory, next the Art Building and the Observatory. Since then, the two oldest College societies, Zeta Alpha and Phi Sigma, have started on their picturesque houses, which will look out from the trees upon the open space between the lake and the

Music Building, on the way to Tupelo.

Wilder Hall will be of brick, and accommodate sixty students. The Observatory already attracts much attention as the white marble walls glisten in the sun. The site was carefully selected by experienced astronomers. From it a clear view of the heavens can be gained, especially towards the south. The building will be eighty-five feet long with a central telescope dome. New instruments of the finest make are already waiting for installation. The Zeta Alpha house will be of colonial style, and the Phi Sigma house in the style of an Italian country villa. Later on The Agora will build in the amphitheatre behind Norumbega, and Tau Zeta Epsilon on one of the knolls near Simpson Cottage. The entire lower floor of Norumbega Cottage is being fitted up for President's Hazard's occupancy. An unusual amount of repairing and refurnishing is being done in nearly all the buildings. There is promise of a larger entering class and a general expectation of a period of great prosperity for the College.

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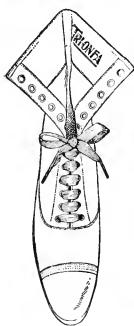
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SEPTEMBER

September is a gypsy queen, A queen with dreamy eyes; She is dressed in the crimson and yellow

That come when the summer dies. She rules her realm with a golden rod. O'er us all she holds full sway. We dearly love this gypsy queen, And grieve when she goes away.

A. E. R.

GHOSTS

ONGFELLOW says, that "All houses wherein men have lived and died Are haunted houses."

We never believed in haunted houses or in ghosts until now. In a certain quaint and beautiful village, in the state of Maine, we have seen so many ghosts this summer that it would be flying in the face of all their ghostly sensibilities to further deny their existence.

Standing in an almost unbroken line on a single street in this village are a half dozen houses, averaging nearly one hundred years in age, with ghosts at every door; ghosts of men, who, a century or so ago, made this village, with its incomparable harbor and shipping facilities, a "rival of Boston," as an old Gazeteer puts it; ghosts of women who were leaders in a social and intellectual life that was felt throughout the state; ghosts of their sons and daughters who went forth to shape the destinies of other sons and daughters, in later days, nearer the centers of the commercial and political life of the nation; ghosts of lives successful and unsuccessful, noble and ignoble, as ever goes the world. In this village there are a score or more of these century-old houses, through whose open doors

"The harmless phantoms on their errands glide, With feet that make no sounds upon the floors.

"We meet them at the doorway, on the stair, Along the passages they come and go, Impalpable impressions on the air, A sense of something moving to and fro."

It is eminently fitting that this line of shadowy antiques should be broken by an ancient church, in the tower of which hangs a bell cast by Paul Revere, whose ever true and loyal spirit, in clear and ringing tones, morning, noon, and night, calls the people

to worship, to duty and to rest.

These hills and valleys have their own particular ghosts as well as the honses; ghosts of early discoverers, Spaniards and Englishmen, who explored and settled these shores long before the historic landing at Plymouth. When the phantom fogs roll in from the ocean what revels the ghosts of Gomez and his associates must enjoy as they recall their voyage of discovery in 1525, when the Spaniard noted in his chart "43 deg., 30 min. North Latitude" as "a place of greatest interest," abounding in "the fattest of cod and salmon." After the Spanish there were English settlements on the Maine coast, a dozen years before the Pilgrims were greeted on the Massachusetts shore by the Indian chieftain Samoset with:

"Much welcome, Englishmen."

Indeed, Samoset, himself, now presumably a ghost of the first order, learned English of the settlers of his native Pemagnid, where New England had its real beginning. The ghost of Pemaquid's past may stand on its native rocks, two hundred feet or more above the sea level, and glory in one of the most majestic ocean outlooks on the Atlantic coast. In the same Pemaquid there were recently unearthed pavements of streets laid by a long-forgotten race of men, nobody knows just who, existing nobody knows just What shadowy forms of men and women and children, whose busy feet wore these pavements smooth, hover over these buried paving stones!

"Green is the sod where, centuries ago, These pavements echoed with the thronging feet Of busy crowds that hurried to and fro, And met and parted in the city street.

"Here, where they lived, all holy thoughts revive, Of patient striving and of faith held fast; Here, where they died, their buried records live; Silent they speak from out the shadowy past.'

A neighboring river, too, has its ghosts, shadows of numberless canoes with their silent occupants, who, in the flesh, glided up and down this stream in ante-colonial days. Later, Champlain in the body sailed up this river; and still later Talleyrand, accompanied by a mysterious stranger said to have been Louis Philippe, all of whose several ghosts, with myriads of others, still haunt these shores.

The very wharves have their ghosts, and the deserted mills and ship yards as well; phantom ships that once landed the produce of the West Indies and of Cuba on these then busy wharves; mills that prepared and shipped lumber in exchange; ship yards that teemed with life and sent forth their white-winged messengers to all parts of the world. The ghosts who have taken possession of these wharves and mills and ship yards haunt them still; so very still, in fact, that their movements cannot be detected. A grave-yard silence reigns where once was thriving industry and the hum of trade.

A dozen miles away are immense beds of oyster shells on the river bank, many rods in length and feet in depth, which have puzzled historians for centuries. They look what they really are,—remains of ghostly feasts of an unknown and forgotten people. It requires but little imagination to hear above the rustle of the surrounding forest orders for

"A dozen raw!"

"A dozen on the half shell!"

"Two stews, and have 'em hot!"

Some say that these ghostly revellers were ancient Indians; others that here was the site of the true Norumbega of the Norsemen. Whoever the revellers were, a few bones, occasional arrow heads, the oyster shells and the shades of the diners only remain.

Of all the haunts of haunting ghosts foremost is an ancient church not far away, built in 1772, with its minute window panes; its square pews like sheep pens; its pulpit, as far out of the reach of the people as the theology that was thundered forth from its lofty heights; and its sounding board that made the minister's message heard and felt far beyond the limits of the parish, when pulpit and clergy meant more than they do today. What ghosts of brave men and saintly women abide within these walls dedicated to God and to the New England which they established and which is our heritage!

But there is one house near by, built over a century ago, that is haunted by a royal ghost or ghostess whose original in the flesh never saw it. This house was owned by one Clough, who sold ship masts to the French government in the days just preceding the French Revolution of 1793. When Marie Antoinette, the wife of Louis XVI., was imprisoned, certain royalists conspired to secure her liberation. Hiring or buying this house of Clough, they furnished it luxuriously after the French fashion of those luxurious times, for the reception of the queen. An American shipmaster undertook to bring Marie Antoinette thither in a sailing vessel. The conspirators advised the queen of their plans, so goes the story, by sending to her cell a note concealed in a bouquet of flowers. Her guard, however, suspecting something wrong, thwarted the plans, and the queen never reached the refuge prepared for her on this peaceful river, and never left her cell until summoned to her death. Despite the failure of the conspirators, the ghost of Marie Antoinette seems to have taken possession of the old house, whose present tenant, a descendant of Clough, treasures a tangible reminder of the French Revolution and of the plot of 1793 in a bit of the dress worn by the poor queen when she was beheaded.

Longfellow was right. The houses wherein we live and die are haunted houses.

"We have no title deeds to house or lands; Owners and occupants of earlier dates From graves forgotten stretch their dusty hands, And hold in mortmain still their old estates."

There remains room but for this bit of moralizing: The lives we ourselves are living are the materials out of which the ghosts of the future are being constructed. Let us so live that ours shall become good and agreeable little ghosts, that their presence shall be desired rather than feared by those who shall come after us. If we must be spooks, let us by all means strive to be good spooks.

ERWIN H. WALCOTT.

EGGEMOGGIN REACH

It is said that there are three hundred and sixty-five islands in Casco Bay. Whether this is true I know not, but a glance at a good map of Penobscot Bay will show that there at least the statement would approximate truth. It would be hard to find a prettier trip than that of the steamers, large and small, that wind in and out among the

thickly-wooded, rock-shored islands Penobscot Bay. The smaller the steamer the better, perhaps, for then you can travel safely among picturesque coves and through delightful side-channels, where larger crafts dare not venture. These waters need no description for many of Wellesley's citizens, for there is Isle au Haut, just on the outer edge of the bay and Mt. Desert only around the corner. But more favored than either of these, more free from fog and storm, just as beautiful in varied scene: y, and more familiar to many of us, are the beautiful shores of Eggemoggin Reach. (Pronounced "Edgemoggin" by the natives.) "Reach" is a stretch of water, sixteen miles long, on the northern shore of the bay, covering most of the distance from Cratine to the mouth of the bay, and shut in between Deer and Little Deer islands on the one hand and the main-land on the other. Of these islands "Big Deer" is just now more famous, as it furnished all the crew of "Columbia," as it did of "Defender" when she defeated "Valkyrie III." Any Deer Island man, they say, can find a berth in the summer-time among the crew of some fine yacht, for these are all fine sailor-men. island is named from the fact that every spring the deer on the main-land—following habits bred long ago, before the white men ever saw these shores—are wont to swim across the Reach to bring forth and rear their young, returning again as soon as the young deer are able to look out for themselves. This they now do under the protection of a stringent law rigorously enforced, and only a few weeks ago I saw one of these young deer bounding along the main shore, seeking, apparently, some safe way through the farms to the thickly-wooded hills further inland.

North of Deer Island, on the Reach, is "Little Deer." At one end of this island is an interesting summer colony, a group of some twenty cottages, clustered about a central dining hall in which all meet for meals. At the other end of the colony is—strange to say—a Mormon settlement. Opposite Deer Island, on the main-land, however, is the place in which we are most interested. Here is the beautiful little village of Sargentville in the town of Sedgwick. Happy indeed are they who have been so favored as to spend a vacation in this charming place, and not a few Wellesley people have so discovered. There is no hotel here as yet,

to the great delight of those who love a reasonable measure of quiet and solitude, but there are a few families who will provide generously for a small number of boarders. Gentle reader, do you care for lobster fresh from the sea? Does your palate know the taste of a perfect clam chowder? Did you ever partake of scallop stew? Do you care for blueberries fresh from the pastures, and raspberries and blackberries that have never known the dust of city streets? As we feast ourselves on these and other provisions of our seaside table, spiced as it all is with perfect appetites, we pity those who have to dine at the Adams House or Young's. Rock cod that you have pulled in yourself, cooked before the salt water has dried from them, you never taste anything like this at home. And flounders! knew before that these are almost as sweet as brook trout? Indeed, the trout themselves, caught only a few miles inland, may occasionally be had; and nearer still, those who prefer may catch black bass in some of the many inland lakes.

The country in and around Sedgwick is undulating—to put it mildly. I heard a man say that a trip on his wheel to Blue Hill, twelve miles away, almost made him sea-sick, the road rose and fell so steadily with hardly a stretch anywhere of level rid-And yet do not imagine that this is not a good country for the wheel. On the other hand, there are many foscinating rides over well-made and sufficiently level roads, with charming views of mountain and ocean. There are, indeed, many here who wheel, and the tourist who can should be prepared to do so. On other roads, however, the faithful steed is better. These are roads over long hills from which may be obtained far-extending views of bay and islands, the Reach sparkling in the sun, traversed by yachts, large and small, and every variety of sailor craft; in other directions the blue Camden Mountains, or Blue Hill, or the summits of Mt. Desert, with the valleys lying between holding river and lake, village, cultivated fields, and thickly-wooded forest. Surely there is nothing more beautiful under the heavens. Then for those who prefer to live on the water rather than on the land there is the open roadway to the sea, with its ever-changing winds and tides. It is easy, if you will, to find some skipper who knows the best fishing grounds and on any day, when a fair breeze is blowing, will

guarantee you a good day's fun with more fish than you and your neighbors can eat, or will take you, if you prefer, among the islands and out to the deep sea where you can rock on the ocean swell. There generally is a good breeze blowing. At least that has been our experience. I wonder if the air is always bracing. One family at least has tried two months and more of it and found it altogether charming. Of course there has been now and then a rainy or foggy day to give one a change. But during all this time we have experienced only

two oppressive days. Of the people themselves we should speak A stranger passing through the town from end to end will be impressed with the air of comfort everywhere. If there is great poverty it is marvelously well hidden. There is perhaps a suggestion of languor in the atmosphere. There is no evident haste. Life moves leisurely along. The visitor will perhaps be surprised by the difficulty which he experiences in obtaining definite information about anything. The people take time to make up their minds. They seem to have a plenty of time and to be generous in its use. Indeed, they have two kinds of time here, for some still set their clocks by local time and others by the standard. So the visitor who wishes to go to church, when he is told that the service begins at half-past ten, must be sure to reach there by ten o'clock (standard time) or he will arrive only early enough to drop something into the contribution box. This conservatism, by the way characteristic of New England, was well illustrated here not long ago in the case of a member of the local church. On the coming of a new pastor some changes were made in the church building. Among others the organ and choir were removed from the rear of the congregation to the rear of the pulpit platform. It had previously been the custom, from time immemorial, for the congregation to turn about and face the choir while the closing hymn was sung. Of course with the removal of the choir this custom was given up. But one man held out and so long as he lived continued to turn about and face the now empty gallery during the closing hymn. He had always done so and he refused to yield to new-fangled notions. Well, we must not laugh too heartily at such conservatism. There was something fine about it after all. And to independent characters like these, not moved easily by the jeers or criticism of other men or the changes of time, New England owes much of that granitic quality which has made its finest history. There always have been enough of the progressive elements among us to keep things moving, and enough sturdy conservatives to prevent their moving too fast. And Sedgwick has its fair proportion of both kinds. Certainly a kindlier people one cannot find, and one of the delights of a visit here for a few weeks in the summer is the possibility of meeting and knowing something of those whose home this is,—who winter as well as summer here.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

A HOLIDAY HOUSE FOR WORKING GIRLS

NE Saturday afternoon in August found me on my way to the Girls' Friendly Society at Milford, N. H., to take charge of the Sunday services The station from which the House is reached is Amherst, an honr and a half ride from Boston. A drive of three miles in a carryall, through shady woods of birch and pine, past stone walls covered with wild grapes, up several steep hills, brought me at last to Broadview, the name of the estate in which the Holiday House is situated. The journey in the train had been hot and close, so it was refreshing to breathe the sweet mountain air and look out over stretches of green fields with here and there distant views of the blue hills. In the carryall were a number of girls coming up for their week or two weeks' vacation. As we drew near the place it was evident that we were expected, for a large company stood on the piazza with waving flags and cries of welcome. There was no waiting for introductions. We were made at once to feel at home and to share the good cheer which is naturally associated with a Holiday House.

It was very pleasant to arrive just in time for supper, as the mountain air had sharpened our appetites. We did full justice, you may be sure, to the simple meal, consisting of baked beans and brown bread, blueberries and eake. There were four long tables in the dining room, each accommodating twelve persons. At the head of each table sat one of the associates who poured tea and cocoa, and kept the conversation going. There was not much need of the latter, however, as the girls had many interesting things to tell to

each other, and especially to the new arrivals.

After supper we walked across to the new building, which has just been fitted up this summer for girls who are convalescing from sickness, or who need more rest and quiet than the main building affords. It is appropriately named Restcroft and was originally the farm house, though one would never recognize it now so completely has it been transformed. Like the main building (which was originally the barn) it is painted dark red with green blinds. The dormer windows, the long, sweeping roof, and the broad piazza with a superb outlook across the valley, make it as attractive a summer home as one could wish for.

The interior of this inviting retreat is in keeping with its exterior. Nothing could be more tasteful or immaculate than the cosy little bed-rooms, with small, white iron bed-steads, comfortable chairs, and a few well-chosen pictures, and fresh, dotted-muslin curtains at the windows. Most attractive of all is the sitting-room, fitted up by Trinity Church, Boston, with its white woodwork, dark green wall paper, photographs of celebrated paintings in wide oak frames, Morris chairs, covered in yellow flowered cretonne, a center table with a handsome lamp and a number of interesting books. Nothing more cosy or homelike could be imagined.

At eight o'clock we all assembled in the great hall of the main building and had a rehearsal of the music for the services to be held the following day. Then at nine o'clock, prayers were said in the pretty little chapel, which opens out of the hall, after

which we separated for the night.

Sunday promised to be a very warm day, but in the cool of the morning a few of us gathered together to partake of the sacrament, and a very meet and solemn service it was, amid the silence of the mountains and with the fresh breeze blowing through the

open windows.

After breakfast we wandered off to some shady woods and sat down on a carpet of brown pine needles and read aloud from Mrs. Gatty's "Parables from Nature." One chapter on the "Law of the Wood" seemed especially appropriate to the time and the place, inculeating the old, old lesson of unselfishness, in which even the trees of the forest may share.

At eleven all assembled for a brief morning service in the chapel. In place of bonnets, each one wore a small white cap. It

was an impressive congregation to look at and unusually attentive. The responses were very hearty, as well as the music which was entirely congregational.

The afternoon was spent resting and reading until five o'clock, when we met again for worship. A number of people came over from Milford to attend this service. The congregation was so large that they could not all get into the diminutive chapel but had to stand outside about the door. There was a great deal of music; three familiar hymns and two chants which were sung with

zest, then a brief address from the text "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you." The service concluded with the Girls' Friendly Society prayer, repeated by all, and the blessing, which had a peculiar signifi-

cance in a place so peaceful and sacred. God's peace seems to rest upon the mountains as it does nowhere else in the world.

After tea we walked down the road for half a mile to an open field, where we sat on the fence and watched the sunset as it lit up the sky with livid tints. Toward the east great banks of clouds were piled up near the horizon that seemed like the towers and pinnacles of the New Jerusalem. We stayed until the last glow faded away, and the moon and the stars came out, then went slowly back to the hospitable piazza of Broadview, where we sat for an hour while one of the associates told us a story of the olden time. Then we sang hymns in the hall until bedtime.

The hall in which we met so often is a delightful room, large and airy, low-studded, with the beams showing, comfortable chairs in profusion, good photographs and plaster casts on the wall, several tables for games, a piano covered with music of all kinds, and in the corner a huge fire-place, in which a roaring fire of logs is built when the weather demands. Off from this room opens a small reception room, and a writing room, the dining room, and the chapel. Thus it is the center of all the interests of the house and the scene of many a merry revel, particularly on rainy days.

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REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

THE Y. P. S. C. E. will continue its prayer meetings on Sunday evenings at half-past six. Members are reminded of the monthly consecration meeting on September third, the first Sunday of the month.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE will be observed as usual on the first Sunday in September. It is expected that the Pastor will return from Sargentville, Maine, in time to take charge of the prayer meeting on Friday evening, September first, the customary service in preparation for Communion.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will reopen on September third at the close of the morning service. All the teachers and scholars are urged to be in their places promptly on this first Sunday after vacation, that the work for fall and winter may begin under the best conditions. New scholars, old and young, are invited to join the classes at any time and will always be made welcome.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

THE HOUR for evening service will be changed from seven to quarter past seven.

THE RECTOR will return from his vacation to take charge of the services on the first Sunday in September.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SESSIONS will be resumed Sunday, September tenth, immediately after morning

THE FOLLOWING FIGURES regarding the parish may be interesting to those of our parishioners who do not see the diocesan journal: During the year 1898, there were three confirmations, five baptisms, and two burials. Eighteen communicants were received and ten removed, making the present number eighty. The Sunday school reported six teachers and thirty-five scholars. Expenditures for all objects pertaining to the parish amounted to \$3,439.34. Contribution to missions, including convention fund, amounted to \$194.39. The total value of all parish property amounted to \$11,700, with an indebtedness of \$450. In the next report which will be sent in the first of January, 1900, the new rectory will be included in the parish property, making the total value between \$17,000 and \$18,000.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD II. CHANDLER, PASTOR

EVENING SERVICES, with sermon or address, will be resumed on Sunday evening, Sept. 3d.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will begin a new course of lessons on September 17th. All former scholars and all who would like to have a part in this winter's work are urged to be present on that day.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL, to be held in Boston from Sept. 20 to 28, will be an event of unusual importance. England, Australia, and Canada will send their leading Congregational ministers. There will be a multitude of addresses on great themes by the ablest speakers.

DR. W. T. TALBOT and Mrs. Talbot, members of this church, will spend the coming winter at their farm on the shores of Asquam Lake, Holderness, N. II. The summer camp for boys, conducted by Dr. Talbot, has just closed its fifteenth annual session. Twentythree boys attended. Messrs. Sherman Denton, of Wellesley, and Morse, curator of the Wellesley College museum, have been at the Camp instructing the boys in the bird, insect, and butterfly life of the region.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL will be opened the second Sunday in September, at 9.30 A. M.

THE CHOIR will begin its usual work on the second Sunday of this month at the morning service.

THE SERVICES for the autumn and winter in

St. Mary's Parish will be as follows:

Holy Communion: First Sunday in month at 10.45 A. M.; every other Sunday at 8.45 A. M.; Sunday School, 9.30 A. M.; Morning Service, 10.45 A. M.; Evening service, 4.30 P. M. Holy Days, service and Holy Communion at 8.30 A. M.

THE RECTOR of St. Mary's returned to his pastoral duties the first Sunday in September much benefited by his vacation. He desires to heartily thank the parishioners for their kindness in making his vacation so extended. Mr. and Mrs. Monro will be happy to receive the parishioners and other friends on Wednesdays after the first of October.

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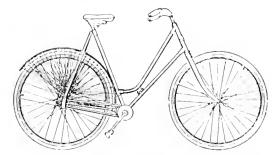
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EDITORIAL

COMETIME ago we published a bright J little poem which humorously reviewed the arduous tasks of our police force. During the past weeks, however, that small but select body has made for itself a fine record. It appears to us that its efforts in arresting scamps of various kinds have been remarkably successful. The Editorial Board of Our Town takes off its hat to the Wellesley police, congratulates it upon its efficient work, and feels that it has made Wellesley, by several degrees, a safer and more comfortable place in which to live.

TAVE you visited the new chapel at Wellesley College? It is a beautiful example of church architecture, not only a credit to the College but an adornment to the town in which it has been builded. We are confident that it will prove of definite value as a religious influence, not simply from the services which will be held within its walls but as a worthy expression of the spirit of worship. Of such a structure one may fairly say, "strength and beauty are in His smetnary." We congratulate the College and the town of Wellesley upon this notable addition to our beautiful buildings.

THE annual reports of the State Board of Education always provide much valuable information on all educational They are, indeed, in so great themes. demand that the supply provided by the State is always speedily exhausted. In the latest report are some figures which especially concern us. On examining the tables we discover the following facts: Out of 353 towns Wellesley stands tenth in the table of comparative amounts appropriated for each child in its schools. It is fourth among the towns of Norfolk county in this respect. In the percentage of its taxable property appro-

priated for support of its schools, however, it is number 313, and twenty-third in the towns of the county. The average salary of teachers in the town is the highest paid in the county, which we may note to our credit.

NOMPARING the public schools of America, in their freedom from sectarian influence, with the public schools of England, a recent speaker at the International Congregational Council brought out some startling facts. He said that out of 20,000 free schools 13,000 were under high Anglican or Romanist influence. As a sample of the teachings in these schools listen to the following: "You must all become members of the church. By the church I mean the state church, there is no other church. To become a member of the church you must be baptized. Until you are baptized you have no right to say 'Our Father which art in heaven.' He is not your Father until yon become His child by adoption, through baptism." At another school where instruction was being given on the catechism one small girl in the rear refused to stand up or answer any of the questions. The instructor asked the children why this girl was so Instantly a number of hands obstinate. were raised and the answer was given, "Because she doesn't believe the Bible." Whereupon the accused was told to stand up and a number of questions on the Bible were put to her, to all of which she gave clear, correct, ringing answers. When she had finished, the instructor, who was a good man at heart in spite of his narrowness, remarked, "Children, she knows more about the Bible than you do.''

THE late Cornelius Vanderbilt was known to many simply as a millionaire. More conspicuous than his wealth was his high Christian character. Many rich men are coming to realize that wealth earries heavy responsibilities. Mr. Vanderbilt realized more than this. He not only gave generously of his substance, he gave generously of his time and energy. He consecrated himself as well as his riches to the service of his Master. The concentration of wealth in the hands of one man is only dangerous when the man is a fool or a knave. It is not money-getting that is to be decried. It is money-wasting. The message of the hour to

the aspirant after riches is, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Then and only then will wealth be safe in your hands.

ANA HALL has begun its school year with one hundred and twenty-five boarding pupils and twenty-five day And an elementary school for young children is to be opened under the same administration with eight or ten pupils. This development of a school which has added much to Wellesley's reputation ought to be a matter of pride to every citizen. Few schools in the country have a more wholesome atmosphere or have done more to elevate the ideals of boarding school instruc-We welcome the progress of the school as a most important factor in the well-being of Wellesley.

THE FRIENDLY AID

T would require more than ordinarily close observation in any one riding, or walking, or bieveling through our lovely quiet town for the first time to discover any need for such an organization as the Friendly Aid. What help could be needed by any of the eitizens of this prosperous village, any of the occupants of these comfortable houses and cosy little homes, on our back streets and by-ways, other than the common interchange of civilities and comforts and bits of good things for the table, usual in a country town? It is true that the greater part of our laboring classes are living under appareartly most favorable conditions. Pure air, plenty of space out of doors, no crowded tenements, swarming with unhealthy children and nurturing disease and vice, clean, healthful surroundings, and in many cases a pretty pride showing itself in efforts to beautify and adorn their homes.

And yet, under all these favorable conditions and this comfortable environment, the Friendly Aid has found enough to occupy a number of busy, helpful hands all through the winter and summer months, since its appointment, last December, as an adjunct of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club. Committee consists of eleven women, chosen from the different sections of the town and representing every church within the limits of Wellesley. There is also an Advisory Board, comprising the elergymen of the town, physicians, selectmen, the Superintendent of Schools, and several teachers. So far there has been no lack of opportunity and

need of such help as could be given.

The experiences common to all communities of working people occur here as else-The head of a family fall sick or is out of work, and the tired mother with hands full to overflowing, is only too grateful for the bundle of clothing and little shoes, which will fit the children and keep them in school, neat and tidy, as she likes to see them. A poor widow, going out by the day to support her children, is glad enough to find that somebody has been looking out for her and is ready to help her just where she has not time nor strength to help herself. The sick woman is glad of a basket of food for the children and some dainty for herself, coming at just the right time and in just the right way.

A great deal of this kind of help has always been going on in our midst; people have always been ready to assist those in trouble, but in some cases the work has, unavoidably, been overdone, and in others, through ignorance or inadvertence, aid has not been received or has come in some way not wholly adapted to the wants of the recipient.

Many busy and kind-hearted housekeepers in our midst, seeing with dismay the accumulation of outgrown garments "too good to throw away," have been very glad to know where to send them "to do somebody some good," without the extra labor of personally

seeking out the needy cases.

But this is only one branch of the work of the Friendly Aid. During the summer a kindergarten has been kept open in the Cedar street district, which has been well attended and has received hearty commendation from the residents of the neighborhood. More than once has the wish been expressed that there could be a similar school in the upper part of the town. haps that will come by and by. Mothers who can give their own time almost unreservedly to their children, or who can take them away for needed change of scene, can easily understand what it means to these busier women to have at least part of their little herd of children kept out of the streets and made happy in this way. The children themselves declared repeatedly that they "wished school would never stop." The instruction has all been voluntary. Though some of those who gave their services were not trained kindergartners, yet there was apparent throughout the whole instruction given the same spirit and the same gentle influences which characterize the work of trained and skilled teachers.

Several times during the summer there came a plea from some of the older girls for a sewing class. These were girls from ten to fourteen years of age, anxious, as they said, to learn to cut and make some of their own garments, and also commendably desirous to be able to make clothes for "the baby." Two young ladies, in response to this request, offered their services, and a sewing class has been at work for some time, with most encouraging success. The usefulness and helpfulness of this work can not be questioned.

Visions of still greater service are constantly rising up before the eyes of the Friendly Aid, who have been quietly looking the town over in search of opportunities and ways and means. These visions include a class in cooking among this same set of young girls, with some older ones, perhaps. This has also been requested; and the good results from instruction, which should be carefully adapted to the needs of the pupils, can hardly be overestimated. A class in Sloyd seems to be greatly needed, especially among the boys who are not old enough to work much, but are quite old enough to learn the mischievous lessons of street life during the long summer days of vacation. A class for instruction in some of the simple and common duties of nursing the sick would be of great value.

But all these things require time and more organized effort than that bestowed upon the kindergarten of the summer or the distribution of clothing. Some funds and many helpers will be needed for the establishment of such classes, and the Friendly Aid is as yet without money. The work so far has been done without any outlay other than time and strength. A generous sum of money has been placed at the disposal of the Committee for the benefit of the sick who may be sent to the Newton Cottage hospital. Small sums of money have been given for special cases, and the town authorities have been generous in co-operating with the Committee on several occasions.

There can be no doubt whatever that Wellesley will be true to its record and its traditions, should any just and urgent demand be made upon its citizens for help to the Friendly Aid in carrying out any

good and wise plan for the welfare of the children, or in doing the quiet, unobtrusive work it has undertaken of helping those who need a little help not afforded by town institutions or by church organizations.

ELLEN RIGGS ROBSON.

QUAINT DEVON AND THE GARDEN COUNTRY OF ENGLAND

OMANCE has perhaps done as much toward attracting visitors Devonward as Scott's novels have northward, to Scotland,—for Devon is the Lorna Doone country, the home of Sir Walter Raleigh and Charles Kingsley, of Shakespeare's mother, Mary Arden, and of fair Dorothy Vernon; the neighborhood, likewise, of Hawarden and Haddon Hall. Nature and art, too, lead their votaries hither, for in this southwest corner of England lie Clovelly— Mecca of travellers and artists alike,—the twin villages of Lynton and Lynmouth, Budleigh, Exmouth, and a dozen other places, all abounding in deep green valleys carved out from the mountains, in little rivers gliding from underground, in peaceful atmosphere and sweet, restful air.

Throughout Devon, from village to village, one finds, grouped close together along the main streets, quaint little white-washed, tile-roofed houses, all of differing shapes and sizes, contrasting effectively with the rich, red-brown soil, surrounded by dainty, gay flower gardens and fine old trees, and for a background always the towering verdured hills whereon feed the herds which make this country famed for its clotted cream. The true way to see this delightful section of England is to walk through it. In this way its beauties make deeper, more lasting impression, but driving is not an unsatisfactory alternative.

Along the roadsides, in the summer season, are dogwood hedges, intermingled with masses of foxglove, ragged robin, honeysuckle and wild roses. And all along the way, people run out from their little houses with smiles and nods for the drivers of the heavy, lumbering coaches, whose coming is heralded by the long, winding notes of the bugle. Approaching Clovelly, at the top of the last hill, the drivers request their passengers to get out and walk down,—for good reason, indeed, since no horse with a loaded vehicle could ever descend that steep declivity. Only hand-carts, or donkeys with

well-balanced panniers and equally level heads, are seen on the streets of Clovelly.

How can one adequately describe Clovelly, curiously foreign looking, most unique and beautiful of villages in all Devon, — with its cobble-stone pavement like a stairway in places, very narrow, resounding with the clatter of wooden boots and the hoofs of donkeys: its small, white-washed, vine-clad houses with baleonies or stone-paved piazzas and luxuriant gardens; its quaint two-decked pier, where one loves to walk on summer evenings and look out over the bay or up at the village, with the houses rising tier above tier to the top of the combe, enveloped on all sides with masses of green; its absolute simplicity and restfulness, making one content to remain indefinitely? No words can picture the peace of it all.

Lynton and Lynmouth, sister villages, lie close to the East and West Lynn rivers, both of which run through the Doone country. Lynton is perched on the top of an almost perpendicular cliff, about five hundred feet above Lynmouth, with great bare downs rising behind it. Below lies Lynmouth, a snug, clustered group of houses near the shore. The magnificent sweep and glorious sparkle of the sea, the uprising cliffs and rolling downs colored green and brown and gray, make the place incomparably beautiful. And Lorna Doone is naturally the history and guide-book of the

neighborhood.

At Budleigh, to the south, is the old farm house "Hayes-Barton," rambling, bewitching, full of suggestion, where Sir Walter Raleigh was born and where he passed his boyhood. Not far distant are Exmouth and Sidmouth, seaport towns which he used to visit, his love of adventure doubtless being fostered by the sailors whom he met there. from his home is the lead-covered stone church of Budleigh, containing some remarkably good carving. One pew has the Raleigh coat of arms with the date of 1547. Another pew, probably that of the Conant family, has an admirably carved head of an American Indian. Raleigh was one of the church wardens in those long-ago days, and his name heads the list of charities painted, in English fashion, on the wall.

Just under the shadow of the Budleigh church is the famous Conant mill, a long, stone structure, in part of which the Conants lived. Richard, the elder brother, was the owner of the mill, but it is Roger in whom New England is especially interested, for he left home in 1623—his venturesome spirit doubtless having been stirred by Sir Walter Raleigh—and settled in Beverly, Massachusetts. According to that charming book "The Romance and Reality of the Puritan Coast," a petition was made to the General Court of Massachusetts, because of Roger Conant's wish that "the name of Beverly might be changed to Budleigh, that of my native town." Hard, indeed, is it to realize here in winter snow-bound New England that in Budleigh, much farther north but one of the warmest spots in England, planting is done in February.

ing is done in February.

From Budleigh to Warwick is a long day's journey, and there are welcome resting places all along the way. Whatever the route adopted, the village hamlets, the broad meadows, the green hedges, the sheep upon the hillsides, are a never-failing delight. Near Warwick is Wilmcote, unfrequented by travellers in general, the home of Mary Arden; and in this little village is a tiny church which has perhaps the highest ritual service in all England. St. Chad's church, in another parish near by, contains a memorial tablet to Walter Savage Landor, and in the adjoining parish churchyard are the tombs of the Savage and Landor families.

The Earl and Countess of Warwick usually spend their summers at the magnificent Warwick Castle, famous in history and romance, where gorgeous peacocks strut across the green lawn and stately attendants conduct groups of visitors over certain portions of the lordly pile. The apparent incongruity—on the one hand, the castle, elegant in every appointment, filled with priceless art treasures; on the other, the shilling fee taken for a sight thereof—is explained by the fact that the Countess, Lady Brooke, a woman of public spirit and warm heart, devotes the money thus received to charities, maintaining a home for erippled children, schools for manual training, a co-operative millinery shop in London, and many other philanthropies. She is a great favorite of the Queen, who has often visited Warwick, sleeping in the sumptuous state chamber, where in other days another royal visitor, good Queen Bess, slept.

A place familiar to travelling Americans is the Peacock Inn, picturesquely surrounded by roses, poppies, hollyhoeks and tall geraniums. Reached by a rambling, at first indistinct, footpath from Peacock Inn is

Haddon Hall, — another place where all good Americans go, —that baronial mansion, preserved, not renovated or restored, in the peak of Derbyshire, near Buxton and Matlock, at its foot the river Wye winding down through a valley, wildly beautiful, yet with the characteristics of finish which one finds in all English scenery. Two yew trees, trimmed one into the semblance of a peacock, the other that of a boar's head, crests of the Vernon and Manners families, stand guard over the entrance to the grounds of Haddon Hall; and tall old yew trees shade the walk along which Dorothy Vernon fled when she made her escape to meet and marry Sir John Manners, son of the Earl of Rutland. Haddon Hall is hardly habitable now, but the present Earl, who holds more estates than any other English nobleman, must perforce spend one day here each year in order to keep good his title to the property.

Bending northward, through Chester, over the bridge "across the sands of Dee," one reaches Hawarden, quiet seene of so much of Gladstone's life. In an undulating park, rich with ancient oaks and beeches, filled with brakes and ferns, and containing the ruins of an old castle with a massive circular keep, stands Gladstone's house, commanding a broad view of Chester and of the Dee val-Miss Glynne, whom Gladstone married, ley. brought him his property; and virtually everything in Hawarden belonged to the Glynne family. Opposite the entrance to the park is the village inn, Glynne Arms, and in the public square stands the jubilee fountain "for man and beast," erected by Hawarden citizens in 1893, bearing medallions of Gładstone and his wife. The village church, restored by Sir Gilbert G. Scott, contains some beautiful windows by Burne Jones. Three tablets on the wall bear the names of a long list of rectors, beginning back in the eleventh century. Here in this little stone church where his own son, Stephen, was rector, Gladstone used often to read the daily lesson.

All these places, with their uncommon physical beauty and their exceptional antiquarian interest, attract one's gaze and hold one's attention. Each part of England has its charming peculiarities, but the general characteristics of English scenery are uniform. The cities are the workshops; the rest is one great garden of diversified and ever-changing beauty.

EDITH A. SAWYER.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

OPENING OF ACADEMIC YEAR. College halls and dormitories, empty and silent all the summer, were filled to overflowing by the latter part of the week ending Sept. 23d, when virtually all the students were in their places. The freshman class this year numbers about two hundred and thirty. As there are always changes in the opening weeks of college, it is impossible yet to give the exact number of students.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION'S GREETING. On the first Saturday evening of the college year, as has become the custom, a reception was given to the new students by the Christian Association, under the charge of its president and vice-president, Miss Alice E. Harding and Miss Pauline Sage. Mrs. Durant, Miss Hazard and Miss Coman also welcomed the newcomers. College Hall center, where the reception took place, will be identified in the minds of new students as a bright, warm memory of their early Wellesley days.

FLOWER SUNDAY AND DR. FAIRBAIRN. Rev. Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., preached the sermon on "Flower Sunday," Sept. 24, from the text "God is Love," which is invariably used upon this opening Sunday. The Houghton Memorial Chapel was well filled with students and friends. On Tuesday evening, Dr. A. M. Fairbairn of Mansfield College, Oxford, lectured at Wellesley on "Philosophy in the East and West, in History and Religion." Several distinguished visitors from the Congregational Council, including President Angell and Dr. John Bevan, from Melbourne, Australia, accompanied Dr. Fairbairn. An informal reception in honor of the guests was given after the lecture by the departments of philosophy and Biblical history.

INAUGURATION OF MISS HAZARD. The inauguration of Miss Hazard as president of Wellesley College will take place in the Houghton Memorial Chapel at eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning, Oct. 3. The academic procession will march from College Hall to the chapel, as on the occasion of the last Commencement, and will be arranged in the following order:

1. The escort, which will consist of the undergraduates of the College and the alumnæ in the order of their classes.—freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, '99, '98. etc.

2. Present and past members of the Board of Trustees.

3. Members of the faculty and former professors.

4. The delegates from all the New England colleges, and from all other American colleges represented in the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ, who will proceed in the order of seniority of college incorporation.

5. Representatives of the federal, state and town

authorities, with the clergy of Wellesley.

In the absence of Dr. McKenzie, president of the Board of Trustees, Bishop Lawrence will preside over the exercises in the chapel. The insignia of office, the charter and the keys will be presented to the incoming President by Mrs. Durant. Brief addresses will be given by Miss Hazard, President Eliot of Harvard University, and President Angell of the University of Michigan. It is expected that the inauguration exercises will occupy an hour and a half. At their close the procession will re-form and return to College Hall for luncheon.

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12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

FALL CONFERENCE. The Middlesex South Conference will hold its fall session at Wayland on October 17.

THE CHINESE Y. M. C. A. of Boston will be described at the C. E. meeting of Oct. 15 by the Secretary, Mr. C. M. Jett.

BENEVOLENCES. On October 1, the offering for the National Ministerial Aid Fund, postponed from Sept. 25, will be received. The annual offering to Foreign Missions will be received on October 29.

THE CHOIR. After the long silence in the choir gallery it is a pleasure to hear a chorus again. A quartette consisting of Miss Allen of the N. E. Conservatory, Miss Myra Marshall, Mr. C. H. Palmer and Mr. I. B. Hazelton will lead the singing.

WOMAN'S UNION. The annual meeting, with reports and election of officers will be held on Oct. 4. Every woman in the congregation, young or old, is invited both to attend this meeting and to join the Union. Fee, one dollar a year.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. The regular meeting of the Church Committee, to meet those who desire to unite with this Church, will be held on Friday evening, October 27. Members of other churches are cordially invited to present letters of transfer.

FRIDAY EVENING TOPICS. The subjects for the Friday evening meetings for the coming month will be as follows: Oct. 6, "The Extension of this Church's Influence;" Oct. 13, "The Bible a Personal Message;" Oct. 20, "Our Attitude Toward Life;" Oct. 27, "The Need of Self-commitment to Christ;" Nov. 3, "Spiritual Fellowship," preparatory service.

JUNIOR C. E. SOCIETY. The work of this Society is to be along new lines. A course of questions and answers about the Bible and some of its teachings will be followed. Miss Ella Taintor and the Pastor will conduct the work, each taking one-half the number who attend. Probably this course of instruction in religious truth will be extended to cover three years, the object being to train every child in the most important facts which are essential in the religious faith. All children from eight to fourteen years of age are invited to join the Society, meetings being held in the class rooms every Thursday afternoon at four.

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12.00 Sunday School.

4.00 Mrs. Fuller's Class for Adults.

6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. The attendance during September has steadily increased. The primary department, especially, has received several new scholars. But the school should be larger. Let each member of the school consider himself a member of a "Look-out Committee" and invite new scholars from the families that are moving into the village.

LADIES' HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY. There will be a business meeting of the Society at the parsonage on Tuesday, Oct. 3. On account of the prevailing epidemic last spring the annual business meeting was postponed to this date, and it is hoped that as many as possible will be present at this time to plan for the winter's work.

FOUR O'CLOCK CLASS. On Sunday afternoons, a women's Bible Class is held in the small vestry for the benefit of those who wish to study the Bible and cannot conveniently be present at the Sunday School session. It is expected that Mrs. Frank Fuller will soon be able to resume her position as the teacher of this class.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY. The meetings for the past month have been well attended and helpful. There are, however, a considerable number of the young people of the church who have not yet joined the new organization. It is earnestly hoped that as many as possible will identify themselves with this society, that they may enable it to become as efficient as possible as an aid to church work and Christian life. At some date during the month a business meeting will be held for the election of officers and committees.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. With the first Sunday in October regular services at 7.30 o'clock in the church will be resumed. It is probable that there will be each month a praise service, a missionary concert, and two preaching services. The program for October is as follows: Oct. 1, "Echoes from the International Council;" Oct. 8, sermon by the Pastor; Oct. 15, praise service; Oct. 22, sermon by the Pastor; Oct. 29, missionary concert. The praise services will be in charge of the Music Committee, of which Miss Conant is chairman. A committee to have charge of the missionary concerts will be appointed at once. It is hoped that these Sunday evening services may be so loyally supported that they will become a most valued feature of the work of the church.

Wellesley Bills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

Religious Services

 $SUN\,\mathrm{DAY}$

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service-

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH was reopened after the summer vacation on Sept. 10th. The pulpit has been filled by Rev. Mr. Horner, Rev. Mr. Snyder and. Rev. Mr. Jones. Mr. Snyder will also preach on Sunday, Oct. 1.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL came together in goodly numbers, but shows the usual lack of teachers at the beginning of the year. The school is growing, and should appeal to all the elder members of the Society who ought to, and doubtless will, be ready to give service and time for its welfare.

THE ALLIANCE hold its first meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10. A very attractive and instructive program will be shortly given to the public. Among those who will speak to the Alliance members on various topics will be Rev. Chas. Dole of Jamaica Plain, and Rev. Minot O. Simonds of Billerica. A series of entertainments are also being arranged by a competent committee. These will be held for the purpose of raising money for the annual pledge which the Alliance makes to the church and other denominational work. While the Alliance seeks primarily to instruct along denominational lines and further the Unitarian work among its members, it strives ever to keep in mind that its work is only a means towards promoting pure ideals and earnest living. It is not unmindful of the social needs of its members, and in the pleasant informality of its teas and social hour does much to give pleasure and create intimacy among its members. The Alliance stands as a great bond uniting the women of the Unitarian faith all over the world, and reaches out in loving helpfulness to all people.





St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY will hold its first meeting, after the vacation, on Saturday evening, Sept. 30. It is hoped that there will be a very full attendance.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD will be organized for the winter on Friday evening, Oct. 8, the place to be announced hereafter. As last year, the weekly meetings will be held at the houses of parishioners.

BIBLE CLASS. If a sufficient number signify their willingness to join, a class for Bible study will soon be formed, taking for a subject, presumably, a systematic study of the Book of Isaiah.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE will be under the charge this year of the same efficient women who took charge last year, Misses Hastings, Ely, and Hall. We hope to interest more of the children in this beautiful work for others.

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION. The Rev. F. B. Allen, superintendent of the Episcopal City Mission, Boston, will describe the work of that admirable organization on Sunday morning, Oct. 22. Opportunity will be given to those who wish to contribute to its support.

THE RECTORY. Work on the rectory is progressing as rapidly as thoroughness and care will permit. It will probably be finished some time in November. In the meantime, the Rector may be found at the house of Mrs. II. C. Stanwood, corner of Washington and Grove streets.

REMOVALS. We regret to announce the removal from town of our efficient organist, Miss Phila Belle Robbins, who has served us so faithfully for the last six years. We have also lost our capable kindergarten teacher, Miss Grace Hale.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL opens with some additions to our numbers. The greatest need at present is a well-equipped library. Contributions of wholesome children's books, or money to purchase the same, are earnestly solicited.

MUSIC. We need better music at our services. As in the past, we must depend almost entirely upon volunteers. A large chorus choir, every member of which endeavors to be present at every service, would inspire the congregation to sing more heartily and quicken their devotion. Such a choir will probably be organized very soon.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

9.30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M.

All other Sundays,

8.45 А. М.

Holy Days, Service and Holy

Communion,

10.00 A. M.

THE RECTOR will give a series of addresses, on Sunday afternoons during the fall, on the great men of the Church of England and the effect of their work and thought on their times. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE RIGHT REV. WILLIAM LAWRENCE, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts, will visit St. Mary's Church on Sunday morning, Oct. 15, to administer confirmation. The Rector will be glad to meet anyone and to give any help in his power towards receiving this rite in the duty of professing Christ in His Church.

THE RECTORY CLUB held its first meeting on Sept. 19. Plans were discussed and a program arranged for better and harder work this winter than was done last year. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The next meeting will be held in the parish house, Oct. 10, at 7 30 P. M.

WE REGRET to record the loss of Dr. F. W. Freeman and his family from the parish on account of the sudden illness of the Doctor. Dr. Freeman was lately elected to serve as a vestryman. His family has long been identified with the church. With great sorrow for them in their trouble, we bade them farewell last month. We all hope Dr. Freeman will be restored by his sojourn in Colorado. We shall sadly miss the family from our parish.

IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET we record the loss of Mr. S. W. Clifford and his family from the parish. Mr. Clifford was the superintendent of the Sunday School and vestryman for several years. He has been most faithful in attendance and an earnest supporter of the work of St. Mary's. Mis. Clifford will be missed from the Altar Chapter and other circles, where she has served devotedly to promote the church's welfare. They leave with the good wishes of all for continued happiness and prosperity in their new home.

THE CHOIR is doing good work under Mr. Buffum. His faithful labors and high standard set for excellence are showing gratifying results. The singing is excellent, and the boys' responses and work in the church show interest and steady improvement. The rehearsals are held on Wednesday afternoons and Friday evenings. Mr. Weston continues as our organist, to the great pleasure of all the parishioners. The parish is very fortunate in having Mr. Buffum for choir-master. Not only is he a church choir-master with wide experience, but his rich, tenor voice in solo work has added much to our service and to the effectiveness of the choir.

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EDITORIAL

MIANKSGIVING Day services are admittedly appropriate in theory. Weall wonder why other people do not attend them. A few of us attend ourselves. A union service will be held on the 30th of November in the Wellesley Congregational Church, and a cordial invitation is given to all the people of Wellesley to attend.

PROTEST is being made by good citizens in all parts of the land against the admission of B. H. Roberts, of Utah, to the seat in the 56th Congress to which he was elected. He is an avowed polygamist, and therefore a law-breaker. The House of Representatives has a right to expel him, and it will undoubtedly do so if the protest of decent citizens of the United States is vigorons enough. A great mass meeting will be held in Tremont Temple, on Thursday evening, Nov. 9, at 7.45 o'clock, to give voice to the feeling of indignation which undonbtedly possesses most of the people of this vicinity. This meeting will be addressed by Mr. Eugene Young, grandson of the famous Mormon, Brigham Young, and by Dr. Josiah Strong. In addition to this public protest it would be desirable if every man and woman in the country who wishes to see Roberts expelled would write a postal eard to the appropriate congressman stating Residents of Wellesley should write to Hon. George W. Weymouth, Fitchburg, Mass., congressman for this district.

THE month past has witnessed the inauguration of new presidents for several of our leading colleges. The persons selected to fill these high offices are eminent not only for their learning and executive ability, but also especially for their character. In the best sense of the word they are popular with the students. That means

above everything else attractiveness of personality.

Among these presidents none receives a more enthusiastic welcome than Miss Caroline Hazard, the President of Wellesley College. She emphasizes in her own person that rare union between the heart and the head, of which she spoke so admirably in her inaugural address. "I believe," she says, "in the holiness of life." The witness to her belief is seen not only in her gracious bearing, her charming address, her genuine cordiality, but also in her simple reverence for the deep things of the spirit. She is a noble example of Christian culture, which is the only true culture. President Eliot has given this fine tribute: "What Phillips Brooks was to Trinity Church that Miss Hazard is to Wellesley College." The College is to be heartily congratulated on securing for its head a woman who combines so many splendid qualities.

THE custom of wearing gowns with hoods to indicate academic degrees has become well established in the colleges, but the confusion of stripes and colors has not yet become intelligible to the lookers on. In order to aid in making an academic procession more interesting to the people of Wellesley, who will probably have many future opportunities of seeing such processions, we reprint from the Boston "Transcript" the following interpretation:

"The large number and variety of academic gowns worn at the recent inauguration of Miss Hazard as president of Wellesley have brought out many inquiries as to their significance and origin in this country. An intercollegiate commission, representing a number of leading colleges, met at Columbia University in May, 1895, to consider a uniform system of academic dress for American higher schools. Their recommendations, which have since been adopted by nearly all of the well-known colleges, proposed the following: For undergraduates, a black stuff gown with round or pointed sleeve; for Bachelois, a black stuff gown with long pointed sleeve and a hood three feet long, lined with silk in the official color of the college and faced with velvet the color of the faculty granting the degree; for Masters, a black silk or stuff gown, with long closed sleeve, having a slit near the top for the arm, and with a hood similar to the Bachelors, but one foot longer; for Doctors, a black silk or stuff gown having full bishop sleeves, faced down the front and barred three times on the sleeve with velvet in black or degree color, and with a hood larger and broader than the Masters but lined in the same scheme. The colors of degree faculties are as follows: Arts and letters, white: theology, scarlet; law, purple; philosophy, blue; science, yellow; fine arts, brown; medicine, green; music, pink. In case of

degrees from foreign universities which have no college colors, the colors of the nation are used. Thus, a German Ph. D. is indicated by a doctorate hood faced with blue velvet and lined with red, black and white silk; a Princeton M. A. has a hood lined with orange and black faced with white velvet. Wellesley faculty adopted as a faculty gown, irrespective of degrees, the doctor's in black silk without velvet trimmings or hood. The black velvet hood with gold tassel is usually restricted to presidents and deans. President Hazard wears on academic occasions the black silk gown and velvet cap.'

Electric Lighting in Wellesley

A S the wayfarer has groped his way along the sidewalks or in the sidewalk or in the s the sidewalks or in the middle of the streets of this town during recent evenings, cheered by the occasional gleam from some parlor window where the window shades were not drawn, he has thought with eager interest of other towns where the streets were actually lighted every evening. He has speculated on the novelty of such a situation in Wellesley. What a relief it would be not to put a well-polished shoe into an undiscovered puddle of standing water, or to run off the sidewalk into an unexpected stone wall, or to fail to recognize your most valued friend who passes you How manners would at elbow distance. change on the street if there were light. Shoe polish would come into general use again. Men would walk upright instead of slinking along in timidity. And the custom of lifting the hat to ladies would be re-established after having fallen into disase.

"Why not have the light in Wellesley?" asks the incredulous and over-sanguine reader. Because, my dear sir, we have the best contract for electricity with a neighboring power plant made by any town in the State. We pay less for less light than anybody else anywhere. Isn't that something to be proud of? What if the lights are out now-a-days. Think what we don't pay for them. Why we are growing rich on what we save.

Another impetuous soul may say: "But I have heard that we only get 75% of what we do pay for. We ought to have the whole," Poor unsophisticated youth! Think of our cheap contract. If we asked for the missing 25% we probably could not renew that contract. Isn't it better to pay less than any town in the State, even if we get nothing, than to be compelled to bear the burden which others bear, even though the lights should shine?

Yet another still more simple inquirer

says: "But I understand that many of our lamps are blackened and burned out. Why cannot we put them in order, since we own the lamps?" Sh! my boy! If the lamps were all in good condition that would so discourage that 75% of the electricity (which we have paid for) that it would probably turn and go back to South Natick. So the wayfarer plods along and the town relapses into early repose and waits for the sunrise.

A COMPARISON

T the October meeting of the Wellesley Club, a comparison was made between the electric lighting systems of Wellesley, where the town owns its lamps and wires, and North Attleboro, where the town owns a complete lighting plant. The following figures give the essential points of the comparison in brief compass:

WELLESLEY.

YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE, 1899.

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The street lamps are 32 candle power.

These figures show that North Attleboro's

street lamps cost just about the same as Wellesley's, taking into consideration the difference in candle power.

But it was announced at the Wellesley Club meeting that repeated tests have shown that Wellesley was only receiving 75% of the amount of electricity contracted for. That is to say, we are getting but little more than 18 candle power when we pay for 25. We pay \$8.33 for 18 candle power lights, and North Attleboro is getting 32 candle

power lights for only \$10.25.

If, however, Wellesley should undertake to furnish her own electricity she probably could not count on as many commercial lights as are secured in North Attleboro, and it is quite probable that she would have to pay more than she does at present for street lighting. It may be that after the experiences of the past few days the citizens are ready to pay more. At all events, it is a good time to consider carefully the question of local lighting. North Attleboro's experience would on the whole indicate that home ownership furnishes the best satisfaction in the end,

EDWARD H. CHANDLER.

WELLESLEY AS A PLACE OF RESI-

DENCE

V. Growth of Wellesley

IELLESLEY, formerly a part of Needham, received its charter from the legislature of 1881, and began its career as a separate and independent body, fully equipped for the purpose of self-government, much elated with its success in obtaining the often sought privilege of a separate existence, confident in the ability and energy of those living within its limits. The lapse of time has proven the wisdom of the change, and today we see improvement in every department. We have better schools and more of them. In 1881, the number of scholars registered was 331; today they number 663. Increased accommodations had to be provided to meet the constantly increasing number of children, the substantial evidence of a growing town.

Better roads and sidewalks are to be found in all directions. From the dingy oil lamp, and few of them, we graduated some time since, and ceased to grope our way into the unknown. From the old oaken bucket at the well, a relic of the past, we come into the enjoyment of an abundant supply of good water, distributed over the greater part of the town, contributing to the comfort and convenience of all, and in addition a good protection in the hands of the fire department in embryo, against the fiery element. Another department has been created,—one very essential in well regulated communities,—that of police. This is an assurance to the inhabitants that they are watched over by day and night.

Truly times have indeed changed. Those of us who can remember how things were forty years ago know how timid the old inhabitants were, and with what reluctance they accepted a modern idea, and how suspicious they were of city folks who invaded the old town. Notwithstanding their grave apprehensions, we have continued to grow and prosper. What better proof can we have than that which we see all about us?

In 1881, when the town was divided, the inhabitants numbered 2,600, today 4,700. The value of real estate was \$1,925,000; today the real estate value amounts to \$5,259,000. During the nineteen years 380dwellings were built, two churches, two schoolhouses, a building for the fire department, the library, town hall, and a club honse. Large areas of land have been put in shape for sale by enterprising citizens. Investments have their part and show a very decided increase. Personal property, including bank and corporation stock, at the beginning amounted to \$1,100,000; for the present year their value is \$4,487,000, making the total value of the town, real and personal, \$9,738,000. In addition to this, we carry \$1,800,000 of exempted property, more, with one exception, than any other town or city in the State in proportion to its valuation.

This brief survey of the facts show Wellesley to be a growing town, alive to the wants and requirements of these progressive times. We have good reason to point with pride to the record made by all interested and associated in this community.

FLAVIUS J. LAKE.

THE ESSENTIALS OF THE HOME

MRS. BARBAULD has said: "The father and the mother, and the children, these make the home." Something less may serve, even down to Dame Trot and her cat, but this is the ideal. Some

kind of companionship there must be. Did Thoreau make for himself a home by Walden Pond? It is doubtful whether it deserved the name. Possibly his dear books were companionship enough for him, but few

people would be so easily satisfied.

The world shut out and love within, these seem to be the essentials of the home, and they should be cherished. Does family love Yea, verily! It is a need cherishing? hardy plant and the home its native soil, but it may die. Envy, jealousy, unkindness, bickering, if allowed a place, may choke it out. We have need to cultivate the love that excuses, and bears patiently, sympathizes loyally, helps kindly, is always reasonable. In the privacy of home nothing is hidden, all know one another, the faults are as obvious as the virtues. Love must see everything in the best light, as mothers do. Perhaps it is because the mother rarely fails to do this that she is so indispensable a part of the home.

Sometimes the very anxiety that our own should acquit themselves to their, and especially to our, credit, makes us exacting to the point of being hard upon our dearest ones. Pride and selfishness hide very deep in the human heart, and we fail often to recognize their outcropping. Sometimes the knowledge, gained in the intimacy of home life, of the vulnerable point, the sensitive place, is cruelly made the aim of many a bitter shaft of ridicule or contemptuous speech.

If love has been deadened by such unkindness there are few who have not the grace to be ashamed of it, and hide it from the outside world. The loyalty due to our own is rarely so far forgotten that complaint and fault-finding are allowed to reveal what should be kept sacredly the secret of the home. There is a well-deserved stigma upon

"the spoiling of one's nest."

Love, then, is the first essential. The possibility of shutting out the world is certainly the second. I once visited a great barn-like structure in which were housed fifty families of Russian Mennonites, while the eldest and wisest of the men were away out on the Kansas prairies to secure land and make ready for the coming of the whole colony. The floor was divided into compartments by planks laid low upon trestles, which served at once as partitions and benches to sit upon. Fifty fires in as many cook stoves sent up each its little cloud of smoke from a length or two of pipe to float in the recesses of the

high roof, or drift lazily out through the open doors and windows. Here the mothers cooked the food and distributed it to the children, who sat upon the benches or wandered about with a potato or a piece of bread in a plump brown hand. Here they tended the crying babies, looking about helplessly for the silence and seclusion that they were unable to secure. It was a pathetic illustration of the preciousness of privacy. They had security and shelter, but not the dullest among them would have called the little compartment, set apart for her use, home. I could imagine how they were longing for a place, though ever so poor and small, where they could shut out the gazing world.

We must cherish the privacy of the home; not that we should not exercise a hospitality as wide and generous as we can afford, but it must not be so wide that the possibility of seclusion is forfeited There is danger of this in the multitude of organizations that call for the time and strength that used to go to fireside pleasures that helped to bind the family together. That this is through the relinquishment of the home in favor of ontside interests rather than by admitting the world too freely makes no difference in Home life is sacrificed. the result. must have some time to get acquainted with my own children," said a business man, when solicited to join some new organization.

MARY A. GILLETTE.

WHERE IS THE BLAME?

IN a state like Massachusetts, with all its schools and churches and its enlightened public sentiment, is it not strange that crime should increase faster than the population? It is strange that it should increase at all. Where is the blame?

Not all the blame can be traced to any one condition. The problem is complex. Bad heredity, bad homes, lax public sentiment, the saloon, the crowded tenement, these are all factors in the cultivation of crime. But there is one cause of these conditions which is measurably near at hand and can be remedied. The county jail is an undoubted cause of the present condition, and it can be reached. Crime will flourish when the punishment of crime is a farce. Our charge against the county jail is that it neither deters from the commission of crime nor reforms the criminal. Last year out of

nearly 30,000 men and women committed to penal institutions, only 1,000 were sent to Concord and Sherborn. It is safe to say that of the 29,060 others the great majority were no better at the end of their term of imprisonment than at the beginning. Many must have been worse. Every jail should be a reformatory. Now our jails are comfortable lodging houses for the temporary confinement of a fraction of the criminal population. Large numbers, indeed, especially of the tramp class, commit some slight offense, as winter approaches, in order that they may be arrested and given the kindly shelter of the county jail. Life there is easy. This is one great defect. We would not have prison life cruel. But we must have it severe. Labor is moderate, enough to occupy the time, but not hard enough to approach punishment. On the other hand, it has no educative value and does not fit the prisoner for his work in the world. And last of all, and most absurd, at the expiration of a certain number of days or weeks or months, without regard to the prisoner's fitness for the event, the gates are thrown open and the man or woman walks at liberty. It may be perfeetly well understood that he is a confirmed law-breaker. Never mind! When he has served his time he is free to go out and try his wits again in a contest with society. Then do we ask who is to blame? Such a system as that is certainly to blame. What can be done? Three things we can work for. First, every prison must be governed by the principles of such institutions as Concord and Sherborn. One exception only to this rule would be the prison for incorrigibles and men serving life sentences, and even such a place should have the refermatory spirit. Second, discipline should be merciful but stern, and there must be plenty of hard but useful work. What are our labor organizations thinking of that they wish to support prisoners in idleness? Third, sentences should not end until there is some reasonable hope that the man to whom freedom is given will try to live as a good citizen. A hospital that discharges its plaguestricken patients before they are healed is an absurdity.

To accomplish all this unify the whole system under state control. All students of the problem favor this. It is opposed only by county officials and sheriffs. "But that is another story."

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

STUDENT NUMBERS. According to the adjustment now made, the freshman class numbers 199 students. There are between 650 and 700 students in college, the exact number cannot be estimated as yet. Twenty-four graduate students are registered for work this year. More students are living in the village than during the last few years, owing to the increase in numbers for the current year. It is expected that the Wilder Dormitory will be finished next spring, and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1900.

INAUGURATION NOTES. Oct. 3, the day of Miss Hazird's inauguration as president of Wellesley, brought to the College a large number of guests and friends. Representatives of thirty leading colleges were in attendance upon the exercises. Seldom has Wellesley witnessed a more distinguished and notable assemblage. Miss Hazard's address, which has been published at length in all the leading newspapers, was warmly received and was the occasion of much congratulation to the College.

Announcement was made early in October, that Mr. Rowland G. Hazard of Peace Dale, R. I., a brother of President Hazard, had been elected a member of the Board of Trustees.

THE ENDOWMENT FUND. In the Wellesley Magazine for October, an interesting statement is made regarding the progress of the Endowment Fund since the starting of the movement last March. As the article says: "It is the hope that the year 1900, which will complete the first quarter century of the existence of the College, may find Wellesley free from debt and supplied with a substantial endowment. With this in view, the attempt is being made to raise \$200,000. The total amount already given or pledged toward the whole of this sum is approximately \$63-646.85. Of this \$11,500 is only available on the second hundred thousand. The amount given or pledged by members of the several classes and their friends is 333.005.35; the amount by states and countries is \$58,049. From Germany has come \$30, from Hawaii. \$508.25, Japan, \$25, and Syria, \$5.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS. A lecture by Miss Margarethe Muller, associate professor of German, opened the meetings of the Wagner Club, on the evening of Oct. 30. The programme for these meetings, which will be held at intervals of two or three weeks throughout the year, promises to be musually good. Both the economics and the history club will hold their first meetings early in November, taking for study topics of current interest. The Athletic Association and the Barn Swallows, clubs for the College at large, have already had entertainment evenings for college newcomers. The new chapter houses, being erected by the Phi Sigma and Zeta Alpha societies, will soon be ready for use. Ground has already been broken for the Tau Zeta Epsilon house, and the Agora Society will build early in the spring. Progress on the new observatory has been rapid during the last few weeks; the dome is now in place and the building will soon be available for class work and observations. President Hazard made a brief address at the annual meeting of the College Settlements Association held in Boston Oct. 30; Miss Scudder was also one of the speakers on this occasion. Professor Coman and Associate Professor Kendall have together written "A History of England for High Schools and Academies," published recently by the Macmillan Company.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes. 6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.30 Mid-week Service.

C. E. S. The annual offering to the Congregational Education Society will be made on Nov. 26.

REV. L. B. GOODRICH, of Marlboro, will preach on Sunday morning, Nov. 19, in exchange with the Pastor.

NEW MEMBERS. On the first Sunday in November the Church will receive into its fellowship, by letter, Miss Ella E. Taintor, from the Baptist Church in Lee, Mass.: Miss Florence A. Goodnow, from the Baptist Church in Halifax, Vt.: on confession of faith, Miss Jane P. Allen, Miss Mary Katherine Benner, Miss Bessie Holmes Tucker; Miss Gertrude Ethel Chandler.

WOMAN'S UNION. The Union has begun its third year most prosperously, with a complete list of officers and a genuine enthusiasm for the work before it. The officers are as follows: President, Miss Julia A. Eastman; secretary, Mrs. W. R. Hanks; treasurer, Mrs. R. W. T. Crowell. Local Church Department: Superintendent, Miss Sarah P. Eastman; secretary, Mrs. H. L. Rollins; treasurer, Miss Mary Wiswall. Foreign Missionary Department: Superintendent, Miss Lucy T. Winsor; secretary, Mrs. Henry M. Burrill; treasurer, Mrs. G. A. Ross. Home Missionary Department: Superintendent, Mrs. George Gould; secretary, Miss Elizabeth Whiting; treasurer, Miss Mary T. Brown. Department of the Home: Superintendent, Mrs. T. B. Rollins; secretary, Miss Emma Kingsbury; treasurer, Mrs. Mary A. These officers together constitute the Gillette. Board of Directors.

In the Department of the Home an opportunity for co-operation between the two church parishes is furnished and a member of St. Andrew's has kindly consented to be the superintendent.

THE BOYS AND GIRLS who have joined the Junior Endeavor Society this fall—there are thirtysix of them so far — have taken an enthusiastic interest in the new plan. The meetings last thirty-five minutes and are held on Thursday afternoons at four o'clock. After a brief devotional opening exercise, ten minutes are given to singing. Then the group divides into two divisions, the older members being in the Pastor's class and the younger in Miss Taintor's. Fifteen minutes are occupied in the study of the assigned questions and answers in the course of study of New Testament books and teachings. The Society will make a monthly offering for the work of caring for the Armenian orphans.

First Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Nov. 5, address on The Gospel According to Mark. Nov. 12, Prayer Service. Nov. 19, The Gospel According to St. Luke. Nov. 26, Missionary Concert. Various reports: Sunday Labor, Temperance Statistics, Boston Tenement Houses, etc.

FRIDAY EVENING MEETINGS. The pastor suggests that for the present the topics for the Friday evening services be taken from a consecutive study of the Gospel according to St. John. The passages for the November meetings will be: Nov. 10, John 1:1-18; Nov. 17, John 1:19-34; Nov. 24, John 1:35-51; Dec. 1, John 2:1-25. No special theme will be chosen. It is hoped that the passages adopted may suggest a variety of themes to those who attend and participate.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Nov. 7, Foreign Missionary Meeting at 3.00 P. M. with Mrs. Farwell. Nov. 14, Extra Sewing Meeting at 2.30 P. M. with Mrs. Peabody. Nov. 21, Regular Sewing Meeting and Business Meeting at 2.30 P. M. with Mrs. Leach.

Note. — The extra sewing meetings are for missionary work. There will be a dime collection for the purchase of material.

CHURCH COMMITTEES. In addition to the regular committees of the church four new committees have been appointed: The names of the chairmen are here given. Music Committee, Miss Grace Conant; Missionary Committee, Mr. J. W. Peabody; Flower Committee, Miss Mary Bachelder; Social Committee, Miss Ellen W. Fiske. These officers will communicate with the other members of their various committees and are empowered to fill vacancies. The committees will serve for one year. The Music Committee and the Missionary Committee will each prepare the program for one evening service each month, beginning with this November.

V. P. S. C. E. The Society invites the attendance of all young people of the congregation, new residents or old, members of the Society or not. It has decided, now that it is fairly established, to remove the former approximate age limits for membership. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 7, the Society will furnish a program of music and reading at the Boston Seaman's Friend Mission, on Hanover street. The newly chosen officers of the Society are: President, Wm. H. Shattuck; Vice-President, Miss Isabella H. Fiske; Secretary, Miss Mary Hodgkins; Treasurer, Walter C. Wright. Chairmen of committees: Prayer Meeting, Miss Carolyn J. Peck; Lookout, Miss Marjorie Sargent; Missionary, Miss Ellen Robson; Music, Mr. William Travis; Social, Miss Olive Robson.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tues day,

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service-

ON WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22, Miss Maria Howard will give a demonstration cooking lecture, for the benefit of the "Alliance," in the church parlor, at three o'clock. Admission, twenty-five cents.

A SPECIAL PARISH MEETING was held in the parlor of the Unitarian Church, on the evening of Oct. 16, Mr. John D. Hardy presiding. The business of the meeting was to consider extending an invitation to some one of the gentlemen who have preached as candidates to become the pastor of the Society. It was finally decided, by a nearly unanimous vote, to call the Rev. John Snyder, lately of St. Louis. Mo. It is understood that he has accepted the call and will be formally installed on or about Nov. 22. Dr. Snyder is a man of middle age, and of genial personality, who has attained a high position in the Unitarian denomination. The Society is fortunate in securing for its minister a gentleman of such intellectual attainments, experience and earnestness as Dr. Snyder. The parsonage is being made ready for his occupancy with his family.

THE BRANCH ALLIANCE has published a very inviting program for the winter of 1899-1900. The two first meetings in October have been held. At the first, Miss Margaret Merther, of Louisville, Ky., gave an interesting talk describing the illiterate as well as needy condition of the people in the feud districts of Kentucky and also in the Tennessee mountains. The speaker urged the great need of enlightenment and help for the poverty-stricken people in remote places of the South. At the second meeting, Rev. Minot Osgood Simonds, of Billerica, spoke with great interest on "The Relation of the Church and Young People." A few words were added by Rev. Mr. Pratt, of Natick. The Alliance has added many new members this season, and wishes to still further increase its membership. Every fee adds to its power for practical work. Every new face encourages and stimulates interest. A cordial invitation is extended to all women to attend its meetings and, as far as possible, to join its membership.

The next meeting of the Alliance will be held in the church parlor, at 3.00 P. M., Tuesday, Nov. 14. Rev. Chas. Dole, of Jamaica Plain, will speak on "A High Ideal of Womanhood."

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAVES, RECTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer
12.00 Sunday School.
7.15 Evening Prayer.
Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month,

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M. Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

TUESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

The meetings of the Women's Auxiliary will be announced.

THE RECTORY is now receiving its finishing touches. It will be ready for the painters probably in a few days. To all appearances it will be ready for occupancy about the end of the month.

THANKSGIVING DAY, in addition to the union service which will be hereafter announced, there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 9.30 A. M. in the chapel, with a brief address.

ST. ANDREW'S DAV will be observed this year the evening before November 29, as the day itself coincides with Thanksgiving Day. To celebrate the eve of a saint's day is an ancient custom in the church. The service for the evening will be held at 7.15 o'clock, and the preacher will be the Rev. W. l. Crocker, minister of the Church of St. Mary for sailors, East Boston. The offering will be given for the work among the sailors. The people of St. Andrew's should take special interest in this service, as it marks the fifth anniversary of St. Andrew's chapel.

After the service, if the rectory is sufficiently completed to permit it, there will be a brief service of dedication and a formal opening of the house by the lighting of the fire on the living-room hearth. All who are especially interested in the development of the parish will be cordially welcome at both services.

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD held its annual election three weeks ago, and the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, the Rector; vice-president, Mrs. Alice E. Swift; secretary and treasurer, Bertha L. Caswell. Parish Aid Department: Chairman, Mrs. C. O. Simpson; vice-chairman, Mrs. H. C. Stanwood; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. T. B. Rollins; executive committee, Mrs. Lauderburn, Mrs. Sawyer, Mrs. Sanford. Woman's Auxiliary: Chairman, Mrs. Lauderburn; secretary, Miss Holland; treasurer, Miss Ely; executive committee, Mrs. Faxon, Mrs. Swift, Mrs. Nye. Altar Committee; Misses Ely, Jennings and Hastings. Visiting Committee, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Faxon, the Misses Hayes. Ministering Children's League: Misses Hastings, Hall and Ely. Girls' Friendly Society: Branch secretary, Miss Edith A. Sawyet; associates, Misses Bennett, Drury, Hayes, Chadbourne, and Mrs. Ford. Sunday School Superintendent, the Rector; secretary and librarian, Donald Lauderburn. Choir director, Mr. Geo. H. Low. Organist, Mr. Frank Underwood.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services SUNDAY

9 30 Sunday School.

10.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M. Third Sunday in month. S.00 A. M.

Holy Days, Service and Holy

Communion.

10.00 A. M.

BAPTISMS in St. Mary's during October: Ethel M. Frain, Charles Alex, Vincent and Oliver Garland

MARRIAGES. Oct. 2, William Hersey Adams and Susan Sharpe Pratt. Oct. 25. Charles Ephraim Morse and Annie Sheafe.

THE GUILD of St. Mary's held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, Nov. 2, for the election of officers and committees for the winter.

THE RECTORY CLUB will hold a social meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 7, in the parish house. The Club will receive and entertain the friends of the

IN THE DEATH of Mrs. M. Louise Pronk, the church sustains the loss of a valued member and faithful communicant. Mrs. Pronk has served for two years on the Altar Chapter, and by her sterling qualities won many warm friends in the parish.

THE BOYS' CLUB held a most enjoyable meeting on the night of Tuesday, Oct. 31. After a merry time with games provided by their choir-master, Mr. Buffum, Rev. Dr. Shinn, of Newton, read an original story in three parts, which was heartily enjoyed by the boys and others fortunate to be present. After partaking of refreshments, Dr. Shinn shook hands with all, and the Choir gave him a unanimous vote of thanks for the great pleasure afforded them by his

THE CHOIR GUILD held its annual meeting on Oct. 29, and elected the following officers for the year: President, George H. Burnett; vice-presidents, C. C. Spring, Levi B. Jennings; treasurer and secretary. Henry II. Swallow: executive committee, C. C. Spring, George Miller, James A. Beck, C. V. Jennings and II. II. Swallow; musical director, C. J. Buffum; chaplain, the Rector. It was voted by the senior members to hold meetings weekly, for special musical instruction and practice, under the training of Mr. Buffum, during the winter.

THE BISHOP of the diocese visited the parish on Sunday morning, October 15, and, after an able sermon, administered Confirmation to nine candidates, seven young men and two young women. One of the candidates was confirmed for the Rector of Christ Church, Waltham. With this exception all the young men and women were members of St. Mary's parish. The following are the names of those confirmed: Harry Rogers Pratt, Thomas A. Wiswall, James A. Beck, Maud Train, Ethel Train, Robert H. Hayden, Joseph II. Seaver, William P. Seaver, and Walter Patterson.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

The general subject for the work of the Club during the coming winter months will be "The Progress of the Nineteenth Century." Following are the sub-topics:

Development of Mineral Resources (coal, petroleum, gold, silver, copper, aluminum).

Development in Agriculture and Horticulture.

Scientific Progress, especially in Biology and the Doctrine of Evolution.

Legal Development (international law, arbitration, protection of children, animals).

Progress in Education.

Medical and Sanitary Development.

Economic Progress.

Civic and Municipal Progress.

Progress in Literature.

Progress in Fine Arts.

Electricity and its Development.

Humanitarian Progress.

Religious Progress.

This outline provides for thirteen evenings and it is hoped that the Club may be able on several of the evenings to provide "open meetings" for its friends, when some of the subjects will be treated by men expert in those lines.

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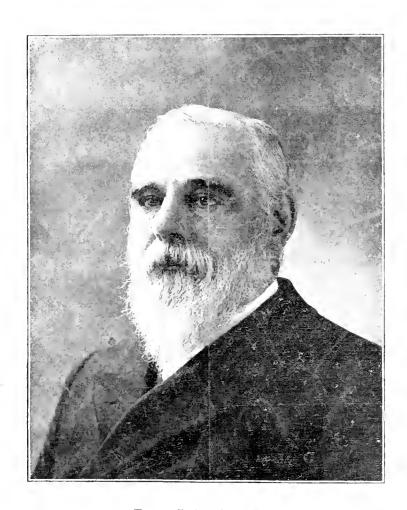
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EDITORIAL

TT 18 always a pleasure to call attention to any notable achievement of a fellow townsman. In the January number of the "Ladies' Home Journal" there is to be published the first of a series of eight remarkable pictures drawn by Mr. W. L. Taylor, of Wellesley, illustrating the life and character of Christ. A foretaste of what is to come is given in the December number, where the main portion of the picture of the nativity appears in advance. Mr. Taylor shows a very deep appreciation of the reality of the life he portrays. He has given a new rendering of familiar subjects, and several of his series represent moments in Christ's life not often portrayed. There is no attempt to introduce dramatic effects or artificial lights into these pictures in order to emphasize the supernatural. But the artist's reverent portrayal of Jesus in the natural surroundings of his native land and among the common people cannot fail to increase the faith of the many who will see the pictures in the real godliness of "Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

NOTHER series of pictures already A famous in Europe and America is the collection of four hundred paintings and drawings by the French artist J. James Tissot. These pictures are now on exhibition in Boston in the old Providence depot, Park Square, from 9.00 A. M. to 6.00 P. M., and 7.30 p. m. to 10.30 p. m. every day. The impression they have made upon people of all classes and different nationalities has been unusnal. No similar attempt has ever been made hitherto to picture the life and times of Jesus as they were in reality rather than in some artist's imagination.

In this same connection it is worth noting that McClure's Magazine announces a Life of Christ by "Ian Maclaren," with elaborate illustrations by the artist, Corwin K. Linson.

CAMPLE copies of Our Town are to be sent during December to a large number of Wellesley people who are not now subscribers, in the hope that they will sufficiently approve the makeup of the paper to be willing to invest twenty-five cents in it for 1900. The Editors will gladly welcome everyone who will co-operate with them in this way.

"Our Town" in 1900.

X/E TAKE pleasure in announcing that beginning with the January number the subscription price of Our Town will be reduced to twenty-five cents for the This has been made possible by the cordial support we have received from our advertisers, enabling us to close the year with bills paid and a slight balance to our

We trust to the citizens of Wellesley to respond to our effort and double our subscription list. The paper will not fall below its record of the past two years. It will continue to treat the best interests of the town in a timely and intelligent way. Its columns are always open to all thoughtful and sincere discussion of any matter that concerns the highest welfare of Wellesley.

The churches and clubs of Wellesley and the College will have their regular representation as in the past. A series of articles on the possibilities of the town library and another on home interests are planned. The series on "Wellesley as a Place of Residence" will be continued. Special articles on timely subjects which concern all our citizens will

appear frequently.

We should like to improve the paper in two respects. We should like to put a picture of a person or a scene or a buildingall, of course, of local interest—on our front cover every month. And we should like to print sixteen pages regularly instead of twelve. If our readers will help us by getting subscribers and sending us advertisements, we can do these things. Meanwhile we are very grateful to those who have shown their appreciation of the paper and shall try to do our part to serve the community.

THE REV. JOHN SNYDER

REV. JOHN SNYDER, the newly installed minister of the Unitarian Church at Wellesley Hills, is a native of Philadelphia, where he was born June 14, 1842. In 1861, in September, he enlisted in the Union army and was in the command of the lamented Col. Baker. After several months service he was taken sick and spent a long time in army hospitals, being discharged for disability sometime in 1862.

In September, 1865, he entered the Meadville, Pa., Theological School, taking the full course of four years, graduating in June, 1869. In the autumn of that year he was settled over the Third Congregational Church (Unitarian) of Hingham, Mass. Here he was fortunate in having Hon. John D. Long as his Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Long being a successor of Gov. Andrews in that office. He was the first person Mr. Snyder had the pleasure of marrying.

On Jan. 1, 1873, he was installed minister of the Church of the Messiah, St. Louis, Mo., being the immediate successor of the venerable Rev. William G. Eliot, D. D. Here he enjoyed a long and able pastorate for over twenty-six years, severing his connection with this church in July of the present year. While in St. Louis, Mr. Snyder was an able and exceedingly popular minister, no minister being better known in that city, or more in demand perhaps for a great variety of services, after dinner speaking especially.

Under his lead a new and beautiful church, one of the finest and certainly the most beautiful in the city, was creeted, the architects being Peabody & Stearns of Boston. He was for some time chaplain of the First Missouri Regt, of State Troops and enjoyed other positions of importance. Mr. Snyder has been several times a member of the Council of the Unitarian National Conferences, one of the directors of the American Unitarian Association, and a trustee of the Meadville Theological School. He comes to Wellesley Hills with the great advantage of years of most valuable experience, and the Society now so fortunate as to secure his services is sure to enter upon a period of exceptional prosperity. He is in the full vigor of all his powers, a strong and most interesting preacher, a most social and companionable man, a lover of children, who always return his love, of a most genial and friendly disposition, whose heart never harbors any unkind feeling toward a living soul. His relations with his brother ministers of all faiths at Wellesley Hills are sure to be of the most cordial and fraternal kind.

Mr. Snyder, in 1869, married Miss Margaret A. Kinniff, of Meadville, Pa., whose qualities will secure for her the confidence and friendship of Wellesley people. He has nine children, only one of whom has died. His daughter Elizabeth was graduated from Wellesley College in the Class of '96, and is now doing splendid work as supervisor of drawing in the St. Louis schools. Blessings on the new pastorate!

W. L. CHAFFIN.

AGAINST THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC ROAD

A THE November meeting of the Wellesley Club a vigorous protest was made against granting a franchise to the proposed Boston and Worcester Electric Railroad, which would run through Wellesley via Worcester Street. Since this is a matter of great public interest we report the discussion.

Mr. Bunker, the Secretary, stated briefly the present statute law relating to street railways, and called particular attention to the following points: "After the directors of $\mathfrak a$ proposed road have been chosen, a majority of them may apply to the selectmen for the docation' which they desire for the road. The selectmen shall therefore give a public hearing, of the time and place of which they shall give not less than fourteen days notice in a newspaper published in the town or county, and after hearing, if in their opinion public convenience and necessity require, they shall grant said location or any portion thereof. In granting said location they may prescribe the manner in which said tracks shall be laid and the kind of rails, poles, wires, and other appliances which shall be used, and they may also impose such other terms, conditions and obligations * * * as the public interest may in their judgment require. Ten abutters, on a way in which a location has been granted, may appeal to the Board of Railroad Commissioners, and the location shall not be valid until approved by them. If, however, a location is not granted by the selectmen of a town as asked for, and

if also that town lies between two other cities or towns in which a location has been granted, so that a location in it is necessary to connect the others, then the railway company may appeal to the Railroad Commissioners, and they, after a hearing, shall act upon the petition with the same power to impose terms as the selectmen had. Extensions must be petitioned for in the same manner as original locations and are subject to much the same rules, except that no new obligations can be attached to a grant thereof. Locations may be revoked by the selectmen, after due notice and hearing subject to the approval of the Railroad Commissioners. The selectmen may regulate the speed of cars, the mode and extent of use of the tracks, and the number and routes of the cars, and may require a warning of the approach of cars to be given. The motive power used is subject to their approval. In case of street widering for a new street railway betterments may be assessed upon the company, but the total assessment on the abutters and the company shall not exceed one-half the total cost of the widening. The taxes paid by the company, viz., the ordinary corporation tax, the tax on dividends, exceeding eight per cent, and the excise tax on gross receipts must all be applied to the construction, maintenance, and repair of streets, and the removal of snow."

Mr. Bunker spoke particularly of the report of the Commission, which in 1897 and 1898 considered the relations between cities and towns and street railway companies, and the law that was passed at the suggestion of that Committee. (Acts of 1898, chapter 578.)

Mr. William M. Butler, representing the new road, traced the growth of the street railway law from that based upon the old idea of a purely local ownership of and interest in the streets of a town, to the present view that the streets, especially main thoroughfares, are for the benefit and use of the people of the whole state. He said that the road expected to treat the town fairly and frankly and expected to be treated in the same way. He also touched upon the right of the less wealthy classes to have a chance to travel at less than railroad fares.

Mr. James F. Shaw, another director of the road, spoke of the proposed method of construction, and said that the road would expect to leave as wide a way for travel in the street as was now used for that purpose, and would be glad to move out of the highway whenever the abutter would give them a strip ten feet wide. The ears would be run at a high rate of speed, except through the thickly settled portions of the route.

Mr. Goldmann Edmunds spoke at length of the objections to the road. He declared that there was no demand or necessity for it in the town, as we had no close relations or common interests with the localities to be connected with us by the road. While it would give a mode of communication with the steam road, it would require an additional fare which would be prohibitory to the class which would care to build on the line of such a road, and would prevent the development of the town by persons of means, who by their large holdings of personal property would tend to keep down the rate of taxation. By destroying the trees along the street the road would detract greatly from the beauty of the town and its attractiveness to prospective residents. The operation of the road at the high speed proposed would be very dangerous for children and others and would spoil all pleasure driving, as well as being very objectionable to those dwelling along the way. It would introduce dangerous grade crossings, something which the town has recently spent thousands of dollars to abolish. Worcester street would have to be widened to accommodate the road—if not now, then as soon as it began to bring the business along its line. This would entail a large expense upon the town for which it would get no adequate return.

WELLESLEY AS A PLACE OF RESI-DENCE

VI. The Public Schools

It is impossible for anyone who has seen much of our public schools to write about them without saying something of the general system of education in the State. Here are over three hundred towns, all spending money like water on their schools, yet with practically no uniformity among them as to courses, as to methods, as to discipline. No central authority controls the general plan of education, or establishes any standard of fitness among the teachers, or regulates in any way the transference of pupils from one town to another. There is, indeed, a State Board of Education, which occasionally asks

for a little information or makes a timid suggestion, but, as it has no power to enforce its demands and no authority to carry out its conclusions, it is generally more loved and admired than respected. Practically the entire management of education is left to local authorities, who are often incompetent, generally untrained, and always inadequate.

Nor is the local organization such as to make up for the general defect. The oldfashi med school committee, doubtless, did its work well enough, when needs were primitive and politics cleaner than they are now, but it has been long outgrown. The present methods of superintendence are a great step in advance, but the trouble now is that the position of the school committee is anomalous. After they have once given all possible thought and care to the selection of a good superintendent, there is really very little for them to do, so far as educational matters are concerned, but to stand aside and simply take all the responsibility for things which they have neither the time nor the special training to understand or to criticise. As a consequence, either the committee practically abditates in favor of the superintendent, which is, I think, the best course for the schools and for the town, or it tries to show its importance by annoying the superintendent and interfering in all sorts of ways, with the result of endless squabbling as we see it in so many towns. I do not know what would be the best remedy for this; but I feel that the superintendent should be in some way directly responsible to the town and should appear personally in the town meeting to answer questions and submit to criticism. At any rate, I think it is clear that the school system of Massychusetts is wrong and stupid and I should be heartily glad to see it exported to the Philippines with so many other blessings of our superior civilization.

So far as the public schools of our own town are concerned, I think, I hope that they are in good condition. External evidence of this seems to be afforded by the fact that many parents are now sending their children to the public schools who have formerly not done so, that many desirable residents have come to the town solely or largely because of the excellence of the schools, and, above all, that we find these children who do come to us from elsewhere distinctly behind our Wellesley children, so that we have to put them back a year or more in their standing.

As regards educational methods, the attitude adopted during the past few years by the Superintendent and entirely supported by the Committee has been one of what ${
m I}$ may perhaps call broad or intelligent conservatism. It must be admitted that we have been ready to accept new ideas. The vertical writing, now so popular and so successful, was introduced in Wellesley at the very beginning. The Pollard system, so useful from the start in spite of serious drawbacks, has now been modified and perfected into a most valuable educational instrument. The study of nature has been introduced not wholly as an end, but because of its importance in awakening and sharpening the intelligence, while, unlike many of the new specialties, it can be intimately and profitably combined with other work. The study of history in our grammar grades has been placed on a very different basis, with a view to giving the children an insight into the great principles of human and national life, instead of encumbering their memories with useless and unprofitable details of war and slaughter.

Yet, although we are ready to try all things, we are more than ever disposed to hold fast to what has been proved to be good. Educational theories are so much in a state of chaos, there seems to be so little of clear vision, of definite aim, of constant purpose in the host of fads that are urged from every quarter, above all, the danger, not to say the crime of foolish experimentation with children is so great that we are disposed to move very slowly. After all, whatever else is to be taught, it is first of all desirable that our pupils should leave school knowing how to read, spell, write, and cipher correctly. Alas, how few of them can do so! More and more we are bending our efforts, as intelligently as possible, to getting good results in these matters. And it is worth noting that in these elementary and primary studies the children who come to us from towns which have many of the latest fads that we have

not are sadly deficient.

In regard to the finances of the schools I should like to say one word. It seems to be held by many that it is the function of the School Committee to find out everything that is good for the schools and then ask the Town for the money. I cannot take that view of it. No question but the Town will vote almost any sum for schools, provided

the money is honestly and economically spent. For this reason it seems to me the Committee are all the more bound to consider not only what the Town wants, but what the Town can afford. The man who goes to his tradespeople and orders everything he wants and then looks at his bank-book afterwards, to see whether he can afford such expenditure, comes to grief in no time; and the town, state, or nation which pursues the same course will end in the same way. Congress and the Massachusetts Legislature do not seem to be aware of this; but I hope the town of Wellesley at least will never forget it. Our present tax rate of eleven dollars in a thousand is high enough, and the portion of the tax levy allotted to the schools is large enough. It is the business of the Committee to see that the Town gets the best it can afford. My own idea of this is that we should not spend our money on luxuries and superfluities, on experiments and new ideas, but that we should stick to the elementary, simple necessaries, and in that line get the very best that can be had: good buildings, a good superintendent, good teachers, and good

Finally, I want to say one word about the teachers. I do not think that the parents know the teachers personally half as well as they ought to or half appreciate them. They listen to all sorts of small gossip which their children bring home to them. They know nothing of the long, patient hours of thought and care in school and out. I do not believe there is a more earnest, conscientious body of workers anywhere than our teachers. And especially to be noted is that they not only give their time and work to the school collectively, but that they think and plan and labor with real affection and devotion for each individual scholar, oftentimes against the perversity and sullenness and wilfulness of the scholar himself. Alas, that sometimes the greatest obstacle in their way should be the child's own parents.

In conclusion, I would urge that the parents and the townspeople in general should keep themselves more closely in contact with the schools. The teachers like to be visited; it is good for them and good for the children. Take an hour, go into school and find out just what your child and your neighbor's child are doing. You will learn more about the schools than could be told you in a dozen articles.

GAMALIEL BRADFORD, JR.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

THANKSGIVING RECESS. Class-room work was suspended at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 29, for a Thanksgiving recess, which extended to Friday noon. A majority of the College community went away for the holidays.

EXCHANGE BUREAU OPENED. With a view to directing into remunerative channels the work of students who desire to aid themselves, the College Christian Association has established an exchange bureau. Sewing, mending, copying, serving at teas, and a number of kindred services are available through the Exchange, which bids fair to be a success.

SOCIAL EVENTS. Mrs. Henry F. Durant gave a large reception at her home in Wellesley, Nov. 16, in honor of President Hazard, the College faculty, as well as many guests from Wellesley village and from out of town, attending. On Saturday, Nov. 18, Mrs. J. J. E. Rothery was "at home" to the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club, thus affording an opportunity to meet President Hazard and Dean Coman, for whom the reception was arranged. President Hazard entertained the Boston Association of Collegiate Alumnæ at Wellesley, on Monday afternoon, the 27th. Cards have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Sanborn for a reception, Dec. 6, in honor of the President and Dean of the College.

LECTURES AND CONCERTS. Mr. George Riddle recently read "Midsummer Night's Dream" before the Shakespeare classes. Professor Earl Barnes gave an interesting lecture. November 13, on "Children's Ideals." New zeal for the Consumers' League was aroused by an illustrated lecture from Mrs. Florence Kelley, president of the League, on "The Sweat-Shop," Saturday evening. Nov. 25. The organ recital by Mr. Clarence Eddy, a short time ago, proved the capacities of the new organ, in the Houghton Memorial Chapel, and was enjoyed by many people from the sillage. Another delightful recital was that given last Monday evening by Miss Flarriet A. Shaw, harpist, Miss Agnes May, contralto, and Mr. Herbert Johnson, tenor.

FIGURES AND PACTS. Advance pages of the forthcoming calendar give the number of students for the current year as 688. They are ranked as follows: Seniors, 134; Juniors, 120; Sophomores, 174; Freshmen, 220; special students, 14; graduates, 26. Thirty-six states of the Union are represented in the attendance. Those contributing the largest numbers stand in the following order: Massachusetts, 210; New York, 77; Pennsylvania, 58; New Jersey, 45; Connecticut, 43; Illinois, 34; Ohio, 27; Maine, 25; New Hampshire, 19. The faculty for the current year is composed of 82 members, classified as follows: Professors, 16; associate professors. 14; instructors, 44; assistants, 8. Dr. John Fiske is non-resident lecturer on history, Dr. Josiah Royce on philosophy. The twenty-six departments offer 218 courses of study, of which 134 are carried the current year. The Christmas recess will extend from Wednesday afternoon, December 20, until Thursday morning, January 11.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUFSDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.45 Mid-week Service.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. The Pastor's addresses on the significant events in the life of St. Paul will be continued for three Sunday evenings, with subjects as follows: Dec. 3, St. Paul in Athens; Dec. 10, St. Paul in Ephesus; Dec. 17, St. Paul in Rome.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will be glad to meet with any who desire to begin the new year by uniting with the church on Friday evening, Dec. 29. Members of other churches regularly worshipping with this church are niged to bring letters of transfer.

DEATH. After a protracted and painful illness of nearly a year, Mr. W. Y. Lawrence, a member of this church, died during November. He was a man of many experiences, having traveled much about the world. His bravery through many months of disease was a fine tribute to the power of a Christian faith.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY. In addition to the Christmas music and sermon on the morning of Christmas Sunday, Dec. 24, there will be a special vesper service at six o'clock. The choir will be largely increased and have the assistance of Mr. Kells, bass, and Mr. Perry, tenor.

CONCERT. An organ recital and concert is to be given in the church on Monday evening, Dec. 18, by Mr. F. L. Stone, organist, with the assistance of Miss Lucy A. Allen, soprano, Miss Sarah B. Huff, contralto, and a chorus of female voices. The proceeds are for the church treasury.

THE BIBLE CLASS for young people, conducted by the Pastor on Friday evenings, will hold two more sessions on Dec. 8 and 15. This will finish a course of ten evenings, in which the chapters of Hitchcock's "Questions and Answers about the Bible" have been successively discussed. It is hoped that another class can be started in January for another course of study.

PLEDGES. Within a short time cards will be distributed to the members of the church and congregation asking for pledges for the coming year. The response each year has been more generous than the year before. During 1899, there have been nearly one hundred weekly pledges in addition to the regular contributors through pew rentals and otherwise. A larger regular income is needed by the church, owing to increased expenses. Can we not all have an individual part in the maintenance of our church by each one taking a separate pledge?

First Congregational Church in Unellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847

REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

Religious Services

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

6.30 Y. P. Ś. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

NEW MEMBERS. At the close of the prayermeeting on Friday evening, Dec. 22, there will be an opportunity for those who wish to unite with the church on the first Sunday in January to confer with the Committee of the church. A cordial invitation is extended to all who worship with us, and are members of other churches, to unite with this church, by letter, at this time.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. Dec. 3, the Pastor will speak on "The Gospel according to St. John." Dec. 17, Missionary Concert in charge of Mr. J. W. Peabody. Dec. 24, Christmas Concert. An unusually attractive exercise is in preparation by the Sunday School. Dec. 31—the last day of the year. This last meeting will be devoted to appropriate prayer and praise.

FRIDAY EVENING MEETINGS. The topics for the coming month will be found in the Gospel of St. John, as follows: Dec. 8, John 3: t-21; Dec. 15, John 3: 22-36; Dec. 22, John 4; Dec. 29, John 5: 1-19; Jan. 5, Preparatory Lecture. It is the purpose of these meetings not to present any one single topic, but to give opportunity for thought and prayer upon the various topics suggested by the passage of Scripture under consideration.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Dec. 5, Home Missionary Meeting at 3.00 p. M., with Mrs. Farwell. Mrs. E. A. Benner, of Wellesley, a former resident of Salt Lake City, will speak on the subject of "The Mormons." Dec. 12. Extra sewing meeting. The work done at this meeting will be for some benevolent object. There will be a dime collection. Dec. 19, the regular sewing meeting and business meeting, followed by a social hour. Note: The time of the meeting on Dec. 12 and 19 is 2.30. The place will be announced later.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING will be held on January 2d. Supper will be served under the direction of the Social Committee of the church, at six o'clock. To this supper all church members who worship with us are cordially invited also the husbands or wives of church members are invited. It would please us to extend the invitation to the whole parish, but, on account of limited accommodations, it is necessary to limit the number of invitations. At the close of the supper, brief reports will be presented from all of the organizations connected with the church. At eight o'clock the members of the church will assemble in the small vestry for the annual business meeting. It is hoped that as large a number as possible will accept the invitation to the supper and that the members of the church will be present at the business meeting.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

REV. JOHN SNYDER, PASTOR.

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tues-

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE SERVICE installing the Rev. John Snyder as pastor was held on the evening of Wednesday, November 22nd.

PROGRAM

HYMN. "From all that dwell below the skies." SCRIPTURE READING. Rev. Edward H. Chandler. Invocation. Rev. Edward J. Young.

Solo. "Prodigal Son."

Mr. James H. Rickertson

SERMON. Rev. Samuel M. Crothers. HYMN. "One Holy Church of God Appears."

Read by Prof. Howard B. Grose.

INSTALLING PRAYER. Rev. Henry F. Jenks. RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP. Rev. Julian C. Jaynes.

Solo. "If with All Your Heart."

Mr. James H. Ricketson.

CHARGE TO THE PROPEE. Rev. George Batchelor. Welcome to the Town. Rev. Parris T. Farwell. HYMN. "Come, Thou Almighty King."

Read by Rev. Charles W. Wendte. BENEDICTION. The Pastor.

The opening hymn would have been read by the Rev. William E. Haves, had he not been detained at the bedside of his brother. Among the impressive features of the service were the admonitions to the Society to use the pleasant memories of the past as an incentive to activity in increasing the fruits of the future; the breath of the ever-present opportunity for higher life in the daily work of each one in each day; and the broad, all-sufficient foundation of the universal church, on which stand in harmonious fellowship all men of all creeds, who earnestly and honestly try to find the full measure of physical, mental, and spiritual life.

The cordial co-operation of the cleigymen of the churches of Wellesley in this, a service which it may be hoped is filled with promise for the community, as well as for this church, is a source of deep gratification to all members of this Society.

PICTURE PLAY. Those who heard and saw Mr. Black's excellent picture play, "Miss Jerry," will be glad to know that Mr. Black will appear again in Mangus Hall, under the anspices of the Wellesley Hills Branch Alliance. This time he will give "A Capital Courtship." Washington city is the background of the love story. It introduces the Newport Tennis Tournament. Presidents Cleveland and McKinley have both given sittings for this entertainment. Arrangements have been completed for Dec. 13. Tickets now ready, fifty cents. No reserved seats.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Prayer 12.00 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer.

Holy Communion First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

TUESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

The meetings of the Women's Auxiliary will be announced.

ADVENT. Next Sunday marks the beginning of a new Christian year. It is a time to take a fresh start in our spiritual career, "forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forth unto those things that are before."

CHUKCH SUPPORT. During next month pledge cards will be sent to every parishioner for subscriptions to meet the expenses of the church. We have had heavy demands upon us this year and will need a larger income than ever to square our indebtedness. Let the pledges be filled out as promptly as possible, so that the Treasurer may know what the annual income is to be.

CHRISTMAS falls this year on Monday. The trimming of the chapel will have to be done on the afternoon of the day before, but with plenty of workers the task will not be difficult.

The service on Christmas Day will be at half-past ten, consisting of Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. The children's carol service will be held on Christmas eve, Sunday, Dec. 24, and the Christmas tree on Tuesday, December 26.

THE RECTORY is about completed and will be taken possession of next week. Much satisfaction has been expressed on all sides with the beauty of the house both inside and outside. It will certainly be a pleasant and comfortable home. The Rector wishes to take this opporturity to express his deep appreciation of the efforts of the Building Committee who have given so much of their time and attention to make the building a success. Thanks are due especially to the Chairman, Mr. R. K. Sawyer, for his untiring interest and labor.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. Saturday evening, Nov. 5th, Miss Woolley, from the College, gave an enjoyable and suggestive talk upon "The Peantiful in Life." Several new members and two new associates will be admitted to membership in the Society at a special service in January.

A sale of aprons and other articles made by members of the Society will be held in the Guild room on Saturday evening, Pec. 15. Plans are now in progress among the members for an entertainment to be given the last of January, on the anniversary of the formation of the Society here, three years ago.

St. Mary's Church

Organized, 1812

REV. H. USHER MONRO, RECTOR

Religious Services
SUNDAY

9 30 Sunday School.

16.45 Morning Prayer and Sermon.

4.30 Evening Prayer and Address.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the month, 10.45 A. M. Third Sunday in month, 8.00 A. M.

Holy Days, Service and Holy

Communion, 10.00 A. M.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH GUILD will hold its first social meeting on Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the parish house, at 7.30 o'clock.

THE CANTATA OF RUTH is being rehearsed by a large chorus, to be given in January for the benefit of the organ fund. Mr. Buffum, the choir-master, has the leading of the chorus.

CHRISTMAS DAY occurs on Monday this year. The Children's Sunday school Festival Service will come very appropriately on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21, at the usual afternoon service at 4.30 o'clock. It is expected that the new organ will be used that day and on Christmas Day for the first time.

CITY MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH. Rev. F. B. Allen will preach in St. Mary's on Sunday, Dec. 10, at the morning service. He will make his annual appeal for the work of city missions under his care. It is a large work and should appeal to the hearts of all Christian people. Mr. Allen asks for no collection, but tells his needs and leaves the giving of help to the generous impulses of all who hear the facts.

THE NEW ORGAN. St. Mary's church is to have a new organ. It will be put in place during Christmas week. The old organ has been in use since 1848. It is more than fifty-one years old, since it was formerly used in a Congregational church, in Charlestown, Mass. It was built by George Stevens, of Boston. It has done long and faithful service, and will now give way for a larger and more modern instrument. Mr. George H. Ryder, of Boston, is the builder. He has a high reputation for skill and taste in the building of fine organs, and has promised the Church Committee one of the best that his factory can produce.

WORTHY CHARITY. We would commend to the readers of OUR Town the Peabody Home for Crippled Children, now in the midst of us. It is doing a noble work, which is sustained solely by the benevolence of friends. The Rector of St. Mary's has charge of the services on Sunday afternoons. The children are made happy by such visits, and by the many gifts generously bestowed by thoughtful people. Many little children have been permanently cured, others relieved or made so comfortable as to render life more attractive and their ills less burdensome. The writer knows of no object more worthy of the sympathy and constant aid of our community. Service on Sunday at the Home is at three o'clock, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

THE WELLESLEY CLUB

This winter's meetings of the Wellesley Club have been marked by two vigorous meetings concerned with town interests. The first canvassed the electric light situation pretty thoroughly; the second, reported in this issue, gave serious attention to the menace to Wellesley in the shape of an unnecessary electric railroad. Such meetings as these make the Club of the greatest possible service to the town. An intelligent public sentiment and a genuine public spirit are always the things most needed in any community, for when these have been gained there is no great difficulty in stirring up concerted action for the public good. The Wellesley Club has done much in the past to educate this sentiment and arouse this spirit. It can do much more in the future. All citizens are invited to apply for membership.

The officers for the current year are as follows: President, Joseph E. Fiske; vice-president, John D. Hardy; secretary, Clarence A. Bunker; treasurer, R. K. Sawyer; curator, Henry P. Winton; directors, the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Seldon L. Brown, Richard Cunningham, Noah A. Plympton, J. J. E. Rothery.

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EDITORIAL

THE earth is a creature of uncertain sum^{*} mers, but we must not commit the grave discoursesy of unfairly adding to her Since she was baptized into the Christian faith a good many mistakes have been made about her age. She will not enter her twentieth century till Jan. 1, 1901. Put away your flamboyant oratory, brethren, for a year; a new century has not begun.

MIN shouldn't we imitate the great retail stores and have a "bargain day," at the beginning of the new We have many goods on hand that it will be unprofitable to carry into the new There is that masty temper. ought to dispose of that at any sacrifice, if anybody is fool enough to buy it. Aren't you carrying a stock of laziness and selfindulgence which is taking up room that belongs to better things? Look into your "notion department." You have a lot of mean, unjust and ungenerous notions about your neighbor which it is unprofitable to carry over. Dump them on the bargain counter and get rid of them at any price.

Joseph E. Fiske

\frac{1}{\lambda} E are happy to present to our readers in this issue the portrait of Capt. Joseph E. Fiske, President of the Wellesley Club. Mr. Fiske is one of the most widely known and most influential citizens of Wellesley, and has always been identified with the best interests of the town. No one was more influential in the movement which led to the incorporation of the town in 1881. A pamphlet written by Mr. Fiske at that time presented the case for the petitioners in a most convincing manner. Mr. Fiske is a graduate of Harvard in the class of '61. In 1862, he enlisted as a private and was promoted step by step until he was made captain in the 2nd Mass. Heavy

Artillery. He was also aide-de-camp on the staff of Gen. F. P. Blair, commanding the 17th Army Corps. He was a prisoner for ten months at Andersonville, and Savannah, Ga., Charleston and Columbia, S. C., but finally escaped and joined the army of General Sherman.

In town affairs he was selectman of the old town of Needham from 1873 to 1877. He represented the town in the House of Representatives in 1874 and in the Senate in 1876 and 1877, during which time he was chairman of the military committee. was a member of the Needham School Committee from 1876 to 1881, and of the Wellesley School Committee from 1881 to 1893. As every one who votes in Wellesley knows, he is also the favorire and most efficient moderator of the town meeting. No one better understands Parliamentary Law, no one better knows when and how far to enforce it in the popular assembly of the people. Mr. Fiske has now been chosen to his second year as president of the Wellesley Club, and his skillful management is apparent in the unprecedented growth and popularity of the Club.

MR. MOODY IN NORTHFIELD

🖪 R. MOODY in Northfield is a subject difficult to treat in a limited space, as this involves a view of the man as husband, father, friend, neighbor, founder and leader of schools, organizer, and director, of Christian conventions, moving spirit of a large book business, displaying in each direction the energetic, tireless, dominant spirit known through Christendom in connection with his great evangelistic campaigns.

Northfield was his birth-place and the scene of his earliest years. The story of his life then and on to his return in '75 needs little comment at this time. Since then his work has been closely connected with his early home, and he has made it known the world over.

His own home has been a center of blessing, and before the building of Hotel Northfield was the place of entertainment of countless friends from all over the world.

His love and devotion to his wife and children were those to be expected from a man of so large and impulsive a nature, and were only equalled by their love to him. For a number of years, his children have been heart and soul devoted to his work.

His daughter once remarked, "The influence of my father's sermons and preaching have been as nothing in comparison with our father in our home;" and his son's beautiful tribute in the Northfield church a few days ago, with the loved face before him silent in death, bore similar testimony.

His larger family, the schools, received from him the love and care of a father, and he naturally received from them the warmest love in return. The appearance of "D. L.," as he was familiarly called by his boys and girls, in the chapel or dining-room, after a long absence, was always the signal for prolonged and vociferous applause.

Children he tenderly loved and they always loved him. In the eyes of all the little people of the town "big Mr. Moody" was a hero. His children's parties, given either at the Northfield or on his own lawn,

were great events.

As a friend and neighbor, he was continually doing countless little acts which were a continual surprise to the recipients, as it did not seem possible for a man so burdened even to think of such things, much less to put them into execution. Gifts of fruit and vegetables from his gardens were constantly making their way to less fortunate neighbors, —a basket of strawberries, bought in some distant city in February, and carefully carried to some Northfield friend, a rare azalea or rhododendron "for your lawn," a check for a generous amount to some teacher tired out and obliged to stop for rest, a trip to Europe to another, words of hope and encouragement to a young discouraged one, a prayer and "God bless you" to one leaving for another field of work are but a few of the instances of the personal interest he was constantly showing his friends.

His winters were usually spent away from Northfield in evangelistic work, his summers in Northfield in carrying on the great conventions; the spring and fall seasons were devoted to the schools and to rest.

To those who loved him and worked with him in Northfield, and surely there is no other place where he could be understood and loved as there, his last days were a fitting close to his large and strenuous life. The final hour was a triumphant and victorious one, and the heavenly visions granted him seemed the right of one who had brought the heavenly visions to thousands.

MRS. HARRIET FORD CUTLER.
Mt. Hermon, Jan., 1900,

FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

T IS almost a miracle in these days to "feed the five thousand," even when the arrangements for doing so have been underway for several months. And to those who saw the multitude throng into Mechanics' Hall, in Boston, on Christmas Day, it seemed an impossibility to be able to give to each one a dinner such as we were told had been prepared. But the Salvation Army were equal to their task, and the heartiness and cheer which they put into the work could not fail to bring forth well-nigh miraculous results.

To the readers of Our Town who were in Boston, during the month before Christmas, the sight of the man or woman in the Salvation Army uniform, giving to each passerby an opportunity to help in bringing cheer to some forlorn heart, was a familiar one. Many, doubtless, improved this opportunity, and more perhaps would have done so could they have realized just how much it meant to many a poor creature to eat a turkey dinner and to partake of the good-will and happiness which was scattered broadcast, and which must needs be contagions.

It was hard to believe that the great hall, which many of us associate with "Food" and "Mechanics' Fairs," dog shows, etc., had been transformed into a huge dining-room, but, when we looked across its length and breadth and saw row after row of tables filled with all good things, we knew that what had been promised was forthcoming.

The dinner hour had been set for half-past twelve, but the crowd had been collecting outside until, before noon, it had reached several thousands. Many hands were busy all the morning, inside the hall, in making the tables attractive, and it was indeed a cheering sight to see the workers harrying hither and you to get the many things which make a Christmas dinner what it has come to be.

The tables were laid with white paper, and at each plate was placed an orange, apple, bunch of grapes, handful of nuts, a dish of cranberry sauce, a pickle, radish, piece of celery and a mug for coffee. Later, when all were seated, a plate was given to each one, on which was a slice of turkey

and cold meat, boiled or mashed potatoes, turnip and squash. After this generous dinner, all were served with a piece of pie, either mince, squash, lemon or cranberry. Every one was given all the meat and vegetables he wanted, but two cups of coffee and one piece of pie was made a limit for all.

By the united efforts of hundreds of people, who had given their Christmas day to this work, the doors were opened promptly at the appointed time. When the crowds of men, women and children (mostly men and boys, by the way) surged in, one felt the greatness of the undertaking with renewed force, and knew that he had all he could do for the next two hours in helping serve these hungry, destitute people.

The children were sent up stairs, where the tables had been prepared for them, and soon the air was filled with children's voices singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee." The noise of merry-making and laughter was beyond description, and one felt glad to see so much happiness about him.

The tables down stairs, however, were filled with care-worn, anxious faces, upon which were stamped, indelibly, the marks of poverty and destitution. To one who had never seen poverty and unhappiness in any such degree, it was a time to make him thoughtful and to wonder if there were not many luxuries which he could dispense with, so that some other less fortunate person might have some of the things which seemed to him the bare necessities of life.

A large part of the tickets had been distributed before hand with great care, in order to give the deserving poor an opportunity to have a glimpse into the joy of the Christmas season.

Special tickets had been given out besides, entitling the bearer to a basket, in which was an uncooked Christmas dinner to be taken home. Four hundred such baskets had been prepared with food in each for five persons, so that in this way two thousand people were enabled to have a Christmas dinner in their own homes.

After all had eaten, the great Christmas tree, nearly forty feet high, was unloaded of its gifts, and hundreds of children were made happy with some toy or useful article.

And so the afternoon ended with thousands of people gladdened, and we hope made better, by getting together and enjoying the hospitality of those more fortunate.

GERTRUDE A. POMEROY.

THE MINISTERS' NIGHT AT THE WELLESLEY CLUB

In recognition of the fact that the churches of the town are a social as well as a religious force, the Directors of the Wellesley Club invited all the Wellesley pastors to attend the December meeting and speak as they chose concerning the relation of the Church to the community. All but Father Callanan, of St. John's Roman Catholic church, accepted the invitation. Rev. H. U. Monro, of St. Mary's Episeopal church, at Newton Lower Falls, was also present and spoke briefly. A summary of the addresses is presented herewith.

Mr. Farwell: "The Church is an institution seeking to promote the highest social welfare of the community. The kingdom of God is simply society brought up to its highest ideal. The religious life is the normal, ideal life, and is held up by the Church as a goal to be attained. No other organization does this kind of work. The Church ought to have as much support as the school, for it does an equally essential work for the community. Wellesley spends \$20,000 for churches. Give the churches what they deserve to have and then they can provide more trained service and accomplish greater results."

Mr. Hayes: "The Church expects of the community four things, which, in turn, the community expects of the Church. These are generous recognition, reasonable patience, large expectations and hearty co-operation.

The Church asks recognition as a necessary force, having purpose and worth. It inculcates righteousness through developed personality, and holds up an ideal Person to whom it would lead men. In spite of failures it succeeds. It also asks to be treated as a friend, with reasonable patience. It needs advice and the helping hand, not cold Its ideal is beyond immediate attain-The community must hold the Church up to its best by expecting much of it. An indifferent community will always mean a The co-operation a church poor church. seeks is not simply a full treasury and full pews, though these are very necessary. It asks the community to take an interest in its purposes by living them out in daily life. Test what the Church preaches of character and purity of life and brotherhood."

Mr. Chandler: "The day of voluntary

religion has come, and I for one am glad of it. A church that has a congregation which attends only from a sense of compulsion is built on an unstable foundation. The church is only a means to an end, and not an end in itself. The end is the kingdom of God, as has already been set forth. Anything in doctrine or method or ritual that does not help in the attainment of that end ought to The reason that different be given up. churches have held tenaciously to special forms of ritual and particular doctrines is simply because these do serve the kingdom of God. We can unite on a few fundamental articles of faith and the truly serviceable methods. It is suggested that ministers shoot over the heads of the people. It would be better to say with the Hindoo servant, who was asked how an English visitor succeeded when out hunting, "Oh, he shot divinely, but God was very merciful to the birds." Perhaps God has been very merciful to some of the Wellesley birds. But our aim is improving, and some time we shall hit just the right spot."

Mr. Snyder: "The ancient world had a substratum of religion in its patriotism. Rome had gods, but its supreme god was the intangible but real spirit of life underlying all its activities. The city itself was sacred. Christianity developed the importance of the individual. Something of the sacredness of the whole has been lost, except as it appears in the attitude toward the nation. We need to revive the sense of loyalty to the community life. Concentrated public opinion effects great results. Why not have more concerted effort in our own town? If we subordinate individual interests to the public good and work as one man, we can give Wellesley an influence in the affairs of state and nation entirely disproportionate to its size."

Mr. Monro: "The Church in a community is what you laymen make it. You have the resources, the brains, the energy, the children. Whatever you are the church will be. The church does not exist by reason of the clergy or for them. It is made up of the laity and cannot exist without them.'

Further remarks were made by Messrs. Loring, Peabody, Perrin, Plympton and Sheridan. The latter represented St. John's Catholic church in the absence of the Rector. He said that in four points the Catholie Church exerted a strong influence in a community. It inculcated respect for law

and order in general by the strictness of its laws and its order in the church itself. It taught a serious respect for Sunday by its emphasis on church going. It made marriage a sacred and indissoluble bond. Through its confessional it was a direct and powerful influence upon personal character.

The attendance at this meeting of the Club was large, and the ministers were very glad to have the opportunity of speaking to the members upon the subject of the evening.

MOODY—A BUILDER

T IS a significant fact that all classes of men, all shades of theological belief, honor the name of Dwight L. Moody. His hold upon men outgrew all sectional bounds and became national—ave, international. He possessed exactly those qualities that the men of the world like. His application of business energy to religion did not repulse, it won men of business. He had more points of contact with life at large than any man of his time. His was a business organism; he fitted it into aggressive Christianity and succeeded. He lived to construct, not to destroy.

Among the many views of Moody that might be taken, we choose "Moody-A

Builder.'

(1.) He was a builder of *character*. Moody's aim was that of the practised hunter—true, unerring. He aimed at the heart. It was this direct effort that won him a host of friends. It produced a transformation at the centre of a man's life. This great evangelist reached aching, sinful, rebellious, skeptical men. His acknowledged purpose made the opening of the heart-door possible. Mr. Moody's hold on young men was phenomenal. The students of Oxford and Cambridge at first ridiculed, but they returned to do him honor. Glasgow, Edinburgh, Yale, Amherst, Princeton, listened to him with unabated interest. To the question asked of a Yale student, "Whom do the New Haven men like most to hear?" the answer was given, "Moody." He built up character wherever he went. He made his hearers feel that to be Christlike was the most vital thing in the world.

(2.) A builder of institutions. One look at Northfield and Mt. Hermon reveals His passion for building educa-Moody. tional institutions for Christ grew out of his love for the young and his belief that in this world of plenty no ambitions son or daughter of a poor man should fail of an education. The matter of money was secondary to the burning question, "Do I want an education?" Moody had faith in men—men of means included. Read the names of the buildings at Northfield and see what power Moody had over rich men.

He was a builder of methods. . (3.) Many methods were original with Moody, and they became contagious. He popularized Bible study by topics. He made the Holy Book a reality by showing what it had to say to you and me on the subject of love, faith, sin, salvation, heaven. Luther said, "I thank God for the personal pronouns." Moody was more specific and said in substance: "I thank God for the personal pronoun, second person singular -you." He was ever ready with an illustration—homely but pungent, bare-faced but fitting its place. One of his finest qualities was imagination. It was never flighty, but luminous and within the reach of every mind. By a masterly sweep of his pictorial powers he could make Abraham and Moses, Peter and Paul men of flesh Who that heard him in his favorite character sermon ever forgot how visibly real he made Elijah and Elisha walking down to the banks of the Jordan together? We listen and hear again the voice of the younger prophet as the elder went up in the chariot, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof."

Moody's method of preaching was so squarely from the shoulder that all practical men learned to listen. They cared not for any slips in the use of English. The method of the preacher was so intensely urgent and so natural to the man that they felt his His mastery over men lay not so much in his appeal to the emotions as has been claimed by some, but in his wholesome, unvarnished appeals to common sense, making the Gospel truth the vehicle of his approach. He was a wise winner of souls.

The receipts from the sale of the Gospel Song Series were \$1,125,000. Not one dime went into Moody's pocket, but was diverted into channels of benevolent work. honesty as a builder by methods that seemed to him wise secured hundreds of thousands of dollars for education and Y. M. C. A. work.

He was a builder of opportunity. Moody sought work. He never waited for it to come to him. His service for Christ in Chicago opened up a field where work was

sadly needed. Like the good Samaritan, he went where the suffering man was. He gathered in the urchins of the street. a church out of material unchurched. zeal shocked the fastidious, but it did the work. He was not afraid to advertise his own name, provided the name of the Master occupied the chief place. He followed the course of commerce and population and fixed his standards where the people were assem-His campaign during the World's bled. Fair at Chicago was as wisely timed as the performances of Buffalo Bill.

Moody's respect for the press was only surpassed by its respect for him. The newspapers have always supported Moody with a sort of chivalric attachment. Now, that he has gone, the secular press vies with the religions in doing him honor. The Tribune, Sun and Advertiser make the spiritual power of this man of God quite as prominent as the Congregationalist, the Register and the Watchman.

(5.) He was a builder of hope. "Give me a great thought that I may live on it." says Herder. Moody lived on the great thoughts of God. He cherished the inspiring thoughts of men. He inhaled them. He breathed them into the life of men. He was a born leader of men. Yes, but he knew what would lead men farthest and earry them highest. He could sway men of the broadest culture and the narrowest; men of the greatest learning and of the least. One of the most thrilling scenes connected with the great meetings in Boston, in 1877, was a gathering of clergymen exclusively. There were more than two hundred and fifty pres-Among the most prominent men in that assembly was Phillips Brooks.

The power of Moody was not in theology, it was in spiritual vitality. He inspired the world with hope. He brought to man the secret of a life of joy—God, Christ, salva-

tion, resurrection.

It was the writer's privilege to hear Mr. Moody in the American chapel, Paris, in 1882. He spoke in his mother tongue, in his homespun fashion. Desiring that the Parisians should understand him, he said: "Tomorrow I shall be translated." Thank God his nobler translation has been deferred these eighteen years during which his larger work for man has been done. Now it has been accomplished in the home of his nativity, at the call of the Father.

JOSEPH B. SEABURY.

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10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes.

6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

7.45 Mid-week Service.

STATISTICS FOR 1899. During the year there were received into the membership of the Church: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allis, Miss Fannie A. Allis, Professor and Mrs. A. E. Blount, Miss Mary Annette Blount, Miss Janet McPherson, Miss Helen T. Cooke Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Allan, Miss Grace C. Farnham, Mr. Frank S. Farnham, Mr. Henry C. Goulding, Mrs. Betsey H. Reed, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Falbot, Miss Ella E. Taintor, Miss Florence A. Goodnow, Miss Jane P. Allen, Miss Mary Katharine Benner, Miss Bessie H. Tucker, Miss Gertrude E. Chandler. The Church has lost by death Mrs. Nancy E. Simons, Mr. W. Y. Lawrence and Mr. Robert R. Allan; by dismissal, Mrs. Carolyn Benner Whitney, Mrs. Barbara Merrill Bartlett, Miss Blenda Benson, Miss Jessie Peabody, Miss Nella Robbins and Mr. W. S. Wilder.

The membership on Jan. 1st was 284; 89 male, 195

NEW MEMBERS. On Jan. 7th, Mr. Elisha Taft and Mrs. Marilla M. Taft will be received into the Church on confession of faith.

THE LEND-A-HAND CLUB. A circle of girls with this name has been meeting weekly at the parsonage during the past two months, preparing a Christmas surprise for a colored school in Virginia. A barrel containing clothes, toys, scrap books. mounted pictures, pop corn, and nearly one hundred candy bags was packed and forwarded in time for Christmas. The public school pupils filled most of the bags and furnished the pictures. The circle will continue to meet fortnightly to take up other similar forms of helpful service.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the church for the hearing of reports and the transaction of business will be held probably on Jan. 22. Every member should be present. A social reunion and roll-call will probably follow later during the same week.

SPECIAL SERVICES will be held during the Week of Prayer, beginning Jan. 7. The general topic for the week will be "Personal Devotion to the Kingdom of Christ." The meetings of the week will be as follows: Monday evening, Jan. 8, a general meeting of prayer for the deepening of personal devotion. Tuesday afternoon, at three oclock, a meeting for women; subject, "What can I do in the women's work?" Wednesday evening, a meeting for young people; subject, "What can I do for the young people of this community?" Thursday evening, a general meeting; subject, "What can I do for my church?" Friday evening, a general meeting; subject. "What can I do for those who are not Christians?"

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Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Jan. 9, Foreign Missionary meeting with Mrs. N. H. Swift at 3.00 P. M. Address by Miss Crosswaithe, a missionary from India. Jan. 16, regular Sewing Meeting with Mrs. Vaughn, at 2.30 P. M. Jan. 23, extra sewing meeting for benevolent work with Mrs. Vaughn, at 2.30 P. M.

COMMUNION SERVICE. The first morning service of the new year is a communion service. The Church cordially invites all among us who love our Lord Jesus Christ and are endeavoring to forward His kingdom to participate in this communion service. It especially urges all members of the church to make an earnest effort to be present.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER. General subject: Our Church and Its Work. Monday, Jan. 8, The Worshipping Church. Tuesday, The Home and the Church. Wednesday, The Young People in Sunday School and V. P. S. C. E. Thursday, The Church and the Community. Friday. The Church and the Kingdom of God in All the World. The value and fruitfulness of these meetings will depend upon the hearty co-operation of all who are interested in these themes. Attendance, especially at the earlier meetings, is earnestly requested.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Jan. 7, meeting in the vestry, when reports will be given by the secretaries of the various organizations of the church. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance and that interest in the work of the coming year may be increased. Jan. 14, a praise service arranged by the church Music Committee and given in the church. Jan. 21, Missionary Concert, under the charge of the Missionary Committee; Mr. Peabody, chairman. Topic: The Work of the Seven Societies. Jan. 28, a church prayer and conference meeting. Topic; How Can We Strengthen the Spiritual Work of the Church?

THE ANNUAL MEETING on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2nd, was the largest of any similar meeting in recent years. About seventy-five were seated at the tables and the business session was fully attended. A valuable report was presented by Mr. Sargent for the Church Committee, and Rev. E. G. Porter followed with greeting and congratulation. Two new officers were elected, Mrs. N. H. Swift on the Church Committee, and Mr. H. B. Pronk on the Prudential Committee. A Music Committee was also chesen as follows: Mr. T. W. Travis, Mr. V. J. Loring, Miss Conant. Miss Olivia Hazelton and Mrs. G. Bradford,

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

REV. JOHN SNYDER, PASTOR.

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

THE SOCIETY gave a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder on Friday evening, Dec. 29.

MISS SARAH THACHER died on Monday, Jan. 1st, and was buried on Thursday, at 2.00 P. M., Jan. 4.

BEGINNING JAN, 14, Mr. Snyder will preach a series of sermons on the Gospel in the Book of Genesis.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL Committee have issued a three months' calendar for the use of teachers, scholars and parents.

THE COLLECTION taken at the children's service on Sunday, Dec. 24, was for the benefit of the Peabody Home for Incurables.

ALLIANCE. The regular meeting of the Alliance was held on Dec. 12. An interesting paper on "Modern Art in Holland" was given by Miss Allen, of West Newton. The attendance was smaller than usual, owing to the storm of wind and rain. The Christmas meeting was omitted, and the next in the course will be held Jan. o, when Miss Feitha Langmaid will speak on "Cheerful Letter Work." All women are cordially invited.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL has been appropriately observed at the church this season. An artistic scheme of decoration drawn by Mr. II. D. Winton, was most successfully carried out by the Committee and a corps of assistants. During the week preceeding Christmas the church was open evenings, and young and old members of the Society joined in twining the green garlands. As early as the sixteenth of December, the fragrant ground pine was gathered from the home woods and stowed away for use, by the young people, who enjoyed the straw ride under the chaperonage of Miss Adams and Mr. Snyder.

On the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 23, a most successful Christmas tree was given to the Sunday School by their Committee, assisted by the teachers. The tree was introduced to the children by a little play, and after the gay Christmas bells were distributed, refreshments were served. Christmas music in several solo numbers was reudered by Mr. Myron Whitney, of Boston, and the spirit of peace on earth, good will to men hung like the green over the people Sunday morning, when the Rev. John Snyder preached his first Christmas sermon in Wellesley Hills.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

10.30 Morning Prayer 12.00 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer. Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.30 A. M. Third Sunday, 9.30 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

TUESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

The meetings of the Women's Auxiliary will be announced.

GREETING. The Rector wishes all his parishioners a happy new year. Let us make this last year of the nineteenth century rich in character and good works, that it may be the crown of all the years that are gone.

PARISH MEETING. The annual meeting of St. Andrew's corporation will be held in the chapel on Monday evening, Jan. 8, at eight o'clock, for the election of officers, hearing of reports, and transaction of any business that may properly come before the meeting. Let there be a full attendance of all parishioners qualified to vote in parish affairs.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. This month marks the second anniversary of the organization of the Society. Several new members will be admitted on Sunday, the 28th. At the recent sale, over twelve dollars and a half was made, which, with ten dollars already laid in the treasury, will make almost enough to purchase a banner to carry in the procession at the annual diocesan services in May.

PAROCHIAL REPORT. Statistics of the parish for the year just past, exclusive of the financial report which is not yet made out, include the following items: Baptisms, seven; confirmations, ten; marriages, four; burials, none. Communicants, admitted ten; received twelve; died, none; removed, twenty-two; present number about eighty-three. The Sunday school reports seven officers and teachers and thirty pupils.

THE RECTORY. The Rector is now established in his new home, and will be glad to welcome his parishioners at all times. He can generally be found in his study any afternoon, except. Monday from two to three.

MISSIONS. The Epiphany season with its teaching of Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles, is the most appropriate time to give attention to the missionary work of the church. St. Andrew's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions will presently hold weekly meetings at the houses of different members of the Branch to work for the Episcopal City Mission, Boston. The Ministering Children's League will continue to hold its meetings on Wednesdays as usual at the rectory.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

WINTER TERM. Jan. 4, instead of Jan. 11. is the date for the beginning of the winter term, as the College closed for the Christmas recess a week earlier than was expected, the two cases of scarletina found early in December having made the change seem expedient. No further case has occurred among the students now, at their homes or elsewhere, as far as can be learned by the College authorities, after careful inquiry.

VACATION EVENTS. President Hazard spent the holidays at her home, Oakwood, in Peace Dale, R. I. Dean Coman went to her home in Chicago, for the recess. Comparatively few of the instructors or students remained at the College, where the usual vacation repairs and renovation went on. A new and much-needed extent of sidewalk was laid from the foot of Norumbega Hill, near the Shakespeare House, to the Houghton Meaorial Chapel. On Saturday, Dec. 30, a delegation of the American Historical Association visited the College and, in the absence of President Hazard, were received by Miss Elizabeth K. Kendall, associate professor of history.

A NEW PUBLICATION. Since with the present year the College closes the first quarter of its first century, it has been decided to i-sue a publication somewhat after the order of the Wellesley Record, published in 1891, but with the additions and changes which experience has shown to be needed. The information thus collected will give a record of students attending the College during the first twenty five years of its existence information obtained by means of circulars recently sent out. In view of the fact that this work will bring unusual burdens upon the clerical force of the College, it has been decided, with the consent of the Alumnæ Association, not to issue for the year 1900 the annual Register of the Welleslev College Alumnæ Association, the publication of which the College last year agreed to undertake, in general, for succeeding years.

CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS. Many points of interest touching the college life are brought out in the calendar for 1899-1900, just issued. Three new scholarships, which bring the number up to about forty, have been added during the past year. These are the Holbrook scholarship of \$3,000, founded by Sarah J. Holbrook; the (second) Helen Day Gould scholarship of \$7,000, founded by Helen Miller Gould and the Alice Freeman Palmer scholarship of \$5.000. established by Mrs. David P. Kimball. Three new trustees have come into membership on the College Boar I - Miss Caroline Hazard, president (ex officio), Rowland G. Hazard, of Peace Dale, R. L. and Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., secretary of the Vale Corporation. Mention is also made in the new calendar of the thirty-eight large photographs from the Raphael cartoons in the South Kensington Museum, the gift of Mr. John C. Gray, and of the more than four thousand photographs which have been added to the art collection during the past two years. Wellesley is fortunate in having secured this year the services of three distinguished non-resident lecturers-Dr. John Fiske for history, Dr. Josiah Royce in philosophy, and Prof. Alphonse M. La Meslee, on French literature.

IN GENERAL

THE WOMAN'S CLUB has been giving considerable attention to the subject of Domestic Science. It is expected a class in the subject will be formed. At the meeting of Jan. 17, Miss Hubbard will speak on "The Migration of Birds," and to this charming nature study the students of the High School are invited as guests of the Club. The season's program is one of unusual interest throughout.

THE WHIST held in Maugus Hall, Dec. 1, under the auspices of the King's Daughters, to benefit the Peabody Home for crippled children, cleared \$32.65. The circle has decided to give one dozen chairs with desks combined and an eight day clock, both for use in the school room; also, three dozen knives, forks and spoons for the home.

IT HAS LONG BEEN A CUSTOM in our High School to anticipate a holiday by giving a few hours of the closing session to singing and other popular exercises. It is a good time, much enjoyed by pupils and teachers. Old friends of the school like to drop in on that day, and many of the former graduates of the "Wellesley High" come back to join in the fun. The morning of Dec. 22nd was an occasion of this soit. Few realize, perhaps, what a fine chorus is to be found in the High School. Never were the voices in better quality and training. Besides the college boys and girls who came back that day. Rev. John Snyder, Mr. Chailes Cabot, Mrs. William Shattuck and Mrs. Calvin Smith were present as guests. After the singing, Mrs. Smith told the school how Mrs. Julia Ward Howe wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and Mr. Snyder spoke pleasantly by way of congratulation.

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EDITORIAL

THE town meeting voted in favor of electing a Board of Health, consisting of three members. One of those members, an expert physician, should receive a salary. Two other gentlemen can easily be found to do that part of the labor which requires no technical skill.

RESIDENT Caroline Hazard, whose portrait we have the privilege of presenting this month, has already become one of our most honored residents. of the Wellesley people have learned to know by experience her gracious hospitality. The town, as well as the College, may be congratulated upon her coming to Wellesley.

THE question presented by Mr. Parker, in this issue, is one well worth raising. The case is so clearly stated that no further word is necessary. We would urge our readers to give the article a careful reading, and to express themselves in regard to it. We shall be glad to have a further discussion of the subject in our next number.

[F OUR subscribers would undertake to extend the circulation of this paper among their friends and neighbors it would be a very great assistance to the Editors. financial support we are compelled to depend mainly on those who advertise, and we would arge every reader to recognize these advertisers by as much patronage as possible.

'VERY indication of increasing attention to the beauty of the public streets deserves the notice and approval of all good citizens. One of these improvements is to be found in the handsome street signs which have been put up at many corners. Now if we can have one of these ornamental posts, with black and gilt signs, in Wellesley Square, to replace the weather-beaten boards that are still doing service there, the public will surely notice the improvement.

A / E would call special attention to the brief but effective report offered by Col. Plympton at the last town meeting on the subject of town lighting, and printed elsewhere in this issue. It makes a strong argument in favor of the establishment by the town of its own electric plant. We note with great satisfaction that, upon the recommendation of Mr. Putney, ably seconded by Col. Plympton, the town has appropriated \$500 to meet the expense of making a thorough and scientific report upon the municipal ownership of electric lights.

T. HOLYOKE COLLEGE has called Professor Mary E. Woolley, head of the Biblical Department at Wellesley College, to be its president. There seems to be a unanimous approval of the choice. Miss Woolley has not only a most honorable record as a scholar and teacher, she has what is worth still more -a very great personal hold upon those who study with her. The opportunity now presented to her is one which is commensurate with her ability, and the College, even though deeply regretting her removal, can well afford to rejoice in her success.

[T is a little difficult to understand the be objection made to the three-year plan in the election of Selectmen on the ground of "politics." The word has a vague, misty and uncertain significance. If it is meant that men having political aspirations would be more likely to seek office under the threeyear system, it is hard to see where this would constitute an objection. If the faithful and efficient performance of the duties of Selectman would help train a man for higher forms of political duty, surely such a result would be beneficial both for the town and the man.

\text{UBLIC spirit demands a subordination of personal interest to community interest. This remark we commend to all voters who are talking about what is to be done at the March annual meeting. Bryce, of England, has said that in private morality America is ahead of England; in commercial morality, on an equality; and in public morality, much below. And we are

inclined to believe that Mr. Bryce is right. A man who allows himself to treat the public in a way that he would be ashamed to treat the members of his own family has yet much to learn of manhood and citizenship.

COME of the clergy of Washington were asked recently by advocates of a high tariff, regarding the effect of the tariff on church support. The answers in all cases were that the tariff had but little effect whatever. If the question had only been, What effect have good times on church support, some interesting facts might have been brought out. But, as one clergyman says, it all depends upon how large a congregation you have. And this is very often a question of weather. Aside from the weather, however, and other things that affect attendance at church, one wonders whether people go to church more in good times than in hard times. Prosperity is very apt to make people careless about their religious duties, while adversity pricks their consciences. There is still a remnant of the old propitiatory idea, that going to church will appease an offended deity. It is something after the analogy of the old song:

"When the devil was sick, the devil a saint could be When the devil was well, the devil a saint was he!"

THE PROBATION LAW

MONG the many wise things which Mayor Quincy did during his term of office was the appointment of a committee to investigate the penal aspects of drunkenness. This committee was composed of such men as Hon. J. G. Thorp, Prof. Edw. Cummings, of Cambridge, Rev. F. B. Allen, and John Koren, an expert statistician. It is safe to say that no study of the subsubject for Suffolk County, of equal importance, has ever been presented to the public. Their report can be obtained at the City Hall in Boston, or of Mr. John Koren, 64 Pemberton Square, Boston. We have room to give here only a brief reference to its contents.

The size of the problem is suggested by the fact that in 1898 there were 26,000 arrests for drunkenness in Boston alone. Of this number over 12,000 were simply released. This seems to be the popular method of treatment in the central court, where six per

eent of all cases were so disposed of. The penal value of such treatment may well be questioned; and yet it is better than to send the men to Deer Island. About 7,000 more were fined and discharged. Over 4,000 more were committed to prison, and 1,200 were placed on probation. The cost of drunkenness to the city under this method of treatment is estimated at \$339,000 annually.

Now how should these 26,000 persons have been treated? Is there any sense in the method employed in the majority of cases? It is manifest that for the large number (12,000) who were simply discharged, their experience with the city has not been deterrent. The drunken man has been kept out of the hands of thieves, removed from harm's reach, given a chance to sleep off the effects of his debanch and let go free. He might well conclude that Boston is a safe place to go on a spree.

Another considerable number (4,000) were committed to prison. They were sent there because unable to pay their fines. By far the greater proportion of this class, it is to be remembered, are in no sense criminals. That is, they are not, in other ways, lawbreakers. Many of them are sent to Deer Island for the first time for drunkenness. Here they are thrown in with the most vicious classes. They see men who laugh at their shame, and they come away with the brand of the Island upon them. All students of these matters are agreed that every effort should be made to keep men and women out of prison as long as possible. This is not the solution; it is an aggravation to the evil of intemperance, and prepares the way for the life of "the rounder."

Another number (7,000) were discharged on payment of fines. But the fine often comes out of the innocent and hard-working wife or children, and is, at best, an unfair distinction in favor of the man who has money and friends.

The only wise treatment of this class of persons is under the probation system, which allows a man to be discharged under the care of a probation officer, with the understanding that if he does well during his period of probation his case is dismissed; if not, he is re-arrested and sent to prison. This system is distinctly preventive and reformatory in its influences, and has attracted the widest attention. And yet only 1,200 were placed "on probation." The recommendation of the Committee is that this system be improved

and extended. Under it a man who is fined might be helped to earn and pay for his fine. Under it a strong influence is exerted to prevent future drunkenness. Under it the expense of drunkenness to the State would be reduced, as even the salaries of additional probation officers would be less than the cost of maintaining the men who now are committed to prison. To this end certain legislation will be asked, in which all good citizens should be interested.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

ECONOMY AT HOME

JORK these words in silk or worsted and hang them on the parlor wall. But don't begin to work at the wrong Economy is not merely saving money; it is cutting off unnecessary expenses, and men and women go about the solution of this serious domestic problem in widely dif-The man says to his wife, ferent ways. "My dear, we must begin to retrench. spent too much money last year. We will have to give up our pew in church and cut off our subscription to the Peabody Home." And the wife probably replies, "Must the children stay away from Sunday school? They have become very much interested in their new teacher." And then the husband replies, "I am very sorry, but I am too proud to take what I can't pay for. I know some men who steal their preaching, but I don't belong to their number. And I am afraid we can't afford to give any Christmas presents this year. Charity must begin at home, you know. We shall have to give up the Christmas tree. The children are old enough to grow out of that Santa Claus nonsense anyway. I don't think we can subscribe for the Youth's Companion or the Century. Margaret will have to give up her music lessons for a time, and she must understand that she can't run to Boston every week to the Symphony rehearsals. Every little counts. If you women knew how hard it is to *make* money you wouldn't spend it as freely as you do." And then he takes the train for Boston, and forgets that it is his wife's birthday, stopping on his way to the office to get a box of imported cigars.

It is said that some of these "economical" men even go further than this and reduce their yearly supply of Havana eigars, expensive lunches, winter flowers, light kid gloves, and high-priced theatre tickets. But they

are evidently preparing for a cloister, and so cannot be used as examples of pure domestic matrimonial economy.

Let us be careful, friends, not to begin our economy at the wrong end. True economy is not the stripping ourselves bare of those things that make the beauty and grace of life. Education, accomplishments and the things that manister to our love of beauty are not luxuries. They are necessary to the harmonious growth of our better life. Let us economize in our use of those things that perish in the using, that bring but transient gratification and that gratification often tinged with regret and self-dissatisfaction. Do not let us emulate the astute farmer who said that he sold two crops last year. He first sold his corn, and then when his cattle were starving for the corn he sold them for the shambles.

JOHN SNYDER

READING IN GENERAL

READING maketh a full man," wrote Lord Bacon. That may have been true of his day and generation, but is it true today, when, rather, it seems sometimes that reading makes an empty man. Such is the multiplicity of books, magazines, newspapers, and such the indulgence therein, that we are in danger of ment il poverty through the very excess of supply. The best education is to be taught to think. As a wise man put it long ago

- "who reads Incessantly, and to his reading brings not A spirit and judgment equal or superior. Uncertain and unsettled still remains. Deep versed in books and shallow in himself."

Literature probably has more students in this country than in any other country, and their number is increasing. In some of the colleges, especially in some western state universities, scientific and practical studies have almost banished culture studies; but in nearly all institutions of the first rank ample provision is made for literature, and the opportunities offered are well and generously used. In the colleges for women, especially. literary studies are pursued not only with faithfulness but with enthusiasm. interest in these subjects confined to colleges the country is full of eager readers, wellorganized clubs, and solitary students bent upon acquaintance with the best that has been thought and said in the world. Se long as literature remains the most humanizing and liberalizing of studies, when rightly followed, its value can hardly be overstated; it is a prime spiritual influence in the rushing current of practical activity. Martineau says, aptly: "It is the function both of religion and poetry to re-baptize us, when parched up, in floods of wonder. . . . It was not then without ground that the Greek philosophers laid such stress upon this sentiment (of wonder) and set it at the first approaches of all culture. We wondered before we knew; and must ever wonder again before we can know more,'

The question is never "Shall we read?" Rather, "What shall we read, how shall we dis riminate among the numberless books from which we have to choose?" Culture, as the first object, information second, is perhaps the best order in which to consider the question of reading.

No educational system can be considered well grounded, no culture even approaching completion, which does not have for its foundation an acquaintance with the classic stories, the old-time mythology, of the Greeks and the Germanic races. These old stories are a part of and blend naturally into the history of the nations that have been upon the earth; all knowledge of this kind is interwoven, every one thing helps the other. With the growth of civilization comes the individual development, and the lines of literature grow more clearly defined, down through the ages. We turn most naturally to what has been written in our own tongue, to our Shakespeare, Milton, Spencer, the eighteenth and nineteenth century writers, down to the present day for our foundation in English literature. And these writers would better be taken at first hand; in no other way can a real love for them be fostered.

When we come to the literature of our own time, what to read becomes a vexed question. We live in a wilderness of print. But, as Carlyle says, "Literature, with all its printing presses, puffing engines and shoreless, deafening triviality, is yet the Thought of Thinking Souls." We want this thought fresh from the mint. We must keep up with the South African struggle, we want to know the last good story in Life, the leading articles in the latest magazines, we must have read David Harum and Janice Meredith. Where shall we draw the line, how can we best spend the brief time at our disposal for reading?

Some one good daily paper will give us a summary of current events. A few magazines—it is useless to try to read them all will keep us in touch with passing literature. As for books, there is Emerson's rule— "Never read a book until it is a year old." And when we remember that Robert Elsmere and Quo Vadis are relegated now to dusty book-shelves, while the Nibelungen stories are eternally new, we realize the force of this advice. But Emerson was something of a stoic; moreover, it is to be doubted whether he always followed his own rule.

Is it not the best plan to have a motive in what we read? If for recreation, for information, for general culture, recognize it as such. Then, once in a while, wouldn't it be well if we would try to tell what we read? This might save time for somebody else, and might also enlighten us as to how well our own time had been spent.

EDITH A. SAWYER.

WHO OWNS LAKE WABAN?

7 HO owns Lake Waban? my friend; you have to share your ownership with every other man, woman and child in Wellesley, but, even then, as the lake is of fair size, there is enough of it left for you and all practical purposes.

How do you happen to own this lake or a portion of it? Well, the great and General Court, some two hundred years ago, passed a law that every pond in this Commonwealth above a certain size should belong to the people and that they should have a right of access to it. This is a well-known law, and every person acquiring land bordering on a "great pond" takes his land subject to this

law and its consequences.

Now, let us go up and look at your prop-We follow along Washington street until we come to where the outlet of the Lake crosses the street. Naturally, you would suppose this to be the place where you would have the right of access to the water, for it is in plain sight, only a hundred yards away; but no, there is no public way leading to it, and a stone wall divides private grounds from the street. If you cross these private grounds, you do so as a trespasser, or on suffrance, or as the possessor of certain special privileges; you have no right to enter these grounds to reach the Lake from this

point. If we follow along Washington street, something more than half a mile, and take Pond Avenue, on the right, for something less than half a mile, we find a way of access to the Lake on the right. -You travel a measured mile and one-tenth from the nearest and most convenient point of access to the Lake, and when you have reached its legal access you find yourself standing "like a lone pengnin in the middle of the Latin Quarter of Paris," trying to think what you can do to enjoy yourself upon your property. Perhaps you say to yourself, if it happens to be a warm summer day, "This is a secluded spot; I should like to go into my pond; I should like to bring my boy up here and teach him how to swim." Your eye happens to catch a notice on a tree near by, signed by the Chief of the Wellesley Police, forbidding any one to bathe in the Lake without a bothing suit. As no place is provided where a bathing suit can be donned, it may occur to your mind that the real intent of this notice is to forbid your bathing in the Lake at all, and it will perhaps by this time occur to your mind that the real reason the right of way to your Lake is placed so far away from the town and is so difficult of access that the real reason of this, I repeat—is to have as few persons make use of the Lake as possible, outside of those whose estates abut upon it.

Now, this Lake of yours is a very valuable possession. It is a great open space whence you can have the most beautiful views, perhaps, of any place in the town, especially at sunset. It contains possibilities for pleasure for every person of the town, to row, to swim, to fish, to paddle, to skate; all those things the Lake furnishes; and if you do not care yourself about any or all of these pleasures, be sure that others do.

Now, remember that the abuttors on this lake do not own, as such, a single square foot of its bottom or a single drop of the water that it contains; yet, by their control of the land about it, and by placing of the means of access so far away from the centre of the town, they are able practically to control the whole business.

Now, what I propose is this: Under the Park Act passed by the Town, the Park Commissioners have a right to take land in any part of the town for Park purposes. The Town has appropriated \$25,000 this last year under the Park Act. The Commissioners inform me that they consider that

this \$25,000 was appropriated for the purifying, straightening and deepening of Dewing and Fuller Brooks; that the amount will only be sufficient for that purpose, and they do not feel justified in taking any portion of the above \$25,000 for strictly Park purposes. I propose that the Town of Wellesley appropriate \$6,000 to purchase land on the shore of Waban Lake to give convenient access to same, and to build a boat house and bath houses at a point, or points, on the Lake where they will be convenient for the use of the people of the town. I would suggest that the boat house be placed at the outlet of the lake and that the bath houses be located directly across, at what is known as "Sandy Bottom," on the western shore of the lake, where there is a sloping beach of hard sand admirably adapted for bathing purposes, especially for children, who would find it impossible to get out of their depth.

The purpose of a park is to give pleasure to the people; is it not? And how, or in what way, could the Town spend money for park purposes with better results? The sum mentioned is a mere trifle compared with what other towns spend for such purposes, and continual expense is necessary to keep up the roads and paths, to cut the grass, trim the trees and shrubbery, etc. Now, the Lake will need no repairs; it will be there just the same while grass grows and water runs. The one or two men needed to care for the boat and bath houses will not be needed more than six or seven months in the year, and less than a thousand dollars a year would cover all running expenses.

There are many persons in the town who would be only too glad to be able to keep a boat or canoe on the lake, if they had the chance, and it would seem a practical thing to give any resident of the town a permit to keep his boat in the Park boat house during good behavior. The bath houses, being among the trees, would not, if properly placed and painted, be a blot on the land-scape.

It is a very simple matter to get this before the people. But ten voters are necessary to insert the above provision in the Warrant at the March Town Meeting.

I should be very glad to hear from any one who is disposed to help in this matter, and I am open to any suggestions that may be made on the subject.

FRANKLIN W. PARKER.

P. O. Box 401, Wellesley.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes.
6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.45 Mid-week Service.

MRS. MARY RICHARDS GATES, the senior member of the church, now living in Worcester, was ninety years old on January 24. There are eight members in the church over eighty years of age and forty-four who have been members for over thirty years. Mrs. Saul Seagrave, the second oldest member, was eighty-nine years of age on Jan. 30.

MEN'S LEAGUE. An organization for the promotion of the social and religious interests of men and for the extension of the usefulness of the Church has been formed, with about thirty charter members. The first regular monthly meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 1. The officers of the League are a board of five Governors, Messrs. F. B. Ingraham, J. H. Farnham, G. F. Ford, G. E. Seagrave and the Pastor; also a Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Robert E. Anderson. All male members of the community eighteen years of age or over are eligible for membership. The annual dues are fifty cents. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday. March 1.

ANNUAL GATHERINGS. At the annual meeting of the Church, held on Jan. 22, there was a large attendance and a most satisfactory completion of the business in hand. Reports from all departments showed new activity and encouraging progress. The Treasurer reported an unusual increase in the regular income and extra receipts of about \$600 toward the balance of the Extension Debt. Expenses have also increased, so that the year closed with a debt of about \$540 on the current expense account, against \$400 at the end of 1898. Officers elected were as follows: Moderator, B. H. Sanborn; clerk, Miss Gertrude A. Pomeroy; treasurer. G. T. Hall; deacon for four years, F. B. Ingraham; executive committee, A. Jennings. Miss Julia Eastman, Mrs. E. A. Benner, N. H. Dadmun. George Gould; Pastor's aid committee, Mrs. E. H. Wiswall, Mrs. G. A. Ross, Miss Fanny C. Guild, Mrs. H. M. Burrill, Miss Emma Kingsbury; music committee, Wiss Sarah P. Eastman, Miss Ethel Hubbard, Miss Janet Ferguson, Robert E. Anderson, C. H. Palmer.

About two hundred attended the annual social reunion on Wednesday evening, Jan. 25. The chapel was very handsomely decorated. There was music by Miss Lum. Mr. I. B. Hazelton and a mixed quartet. Speeches were made by Professor Sarah F. Whiting, Miss Ethel Hubbard, Mr. E. H. Walcott and the Pastor. Rev. E. N. Pomeroy sent a poem to be read. There were several letters from absent members. Light refreshments were served.

First Congregational Church in Wellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR

> Religious Services SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

SUNDAY MORNINGS. Feb. 4th, Christian Endeavor Day; sermon to the young people. Feb. 18, the Pastor will exchange with Rev. Chas. E. Havens, of Newton Highlands.

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETING, at the close of the Friday evening prayer meeting, on Feb. 16. At this meeting opportunity is given to any who wish to unite with the church at the March communion to confer with the Committee.

THE CONGREGATIONALIST. It is a good thing for every family to take at least one religious paper. The Congregationalist is the best newspaper of our denomination. Club subscription rates, two dollars. Mr. Will Shattuck is our church agent.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. On Feb. 4, "Christian Endeavor Day," there will be an open meeting in the church at 4.30, with an address by Rev. W. G. Puddefoot. Invite everybody and give our speaker a royal welcome. The consecration meeting will be held on the evening of Feb. 11. All coming meetings will begin at 6 30 o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. The topics for the month are of extraordinary importance. "Modern Hindrance to Conversion," "Conquering Besetting Sins," "Rejecting Christ without Actual Intent," "Christ's Teaching about Personal Responsibility." Are not these subjects that should interest us all, and worthy of our thought and prayer? Texts and sub-topics may be found in the Congregational Handbook.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Feb. 6, extra sewing meeting for benevolent work at 2.30 P. M.; dime collection. Feb. 13, Home Missionary meeting at 3 P. M. "The Negro Problem." A Southern lady has accepted an invitation to relate at this meeting some of her own personal knowledge of and experience with the Southern Negro people. Feb. 20, regular sewing and business meeting at 2.30 P. M., followed by afternoon tea. NOTE. All these meetings will be held with Mrs. W. O. Robson. Notice change in order of meetings.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. Feb. 4. at 4.30 o'clock. there will be a union meeting, under the charge of the Christian Endeavor Society, addressed by Rev. Wm. G. Puddefoot. There will be special music by the choir and a collection for the cause of Home Missions. Feb. 11. a question box service at 7.30. Pastor requests that questions for this service be handed to him in writing at any time. Feb. (8. the monthly missionary concert will be addressed by Miss Woodbury of the American Missionary Association. Feb. 25. "Conversion by Grace," selections from a chapter on Pres. Hyde's latest book—"God's Education of Man." with comment and discussion.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

REV. JOHN SNYDER, PASTOR.

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

THESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

MEETINGS for the practice of hymn singing have been held every Sunday evening at the parsonage.

MR. SNYDER will preach at the Voung Men's Christian Union hall on the evening of Feb. 11, and take part in missionary meeting at Salem, on the evening of Feb. 18.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL has held two social entertainments during the past month, and the Church and Sunday School will give a Coffee Party on the evening of Feb. 16, at Maugus Hall.

DURING THE MONTH the Pastor has been preaching a series of sermons on the subject of "The Gospel in the Book of Genesis." The subjects for February will be as follows: Feb. 4, Man in Paradise; Feb. 11, Cain and Abel. Feb. 18, The Flood. Feb. 25, The Tower of Babel.

SUNDAY, Jan. 7, quarterly communion service at 4 P. M. Tuesday, Jan. 9, meeting of Woman's Auxiliary at 3.30 P. M. Sunday, Jan. 14, Mr. Snyder spoke at missionary meeting at Lawrence, Mass., at 7.30 P. M. Sunday, Jan. 21, Mr. Snyder preached at Natick at 4.30 P. M. Tuesday, Jan. 23, Mr. Snyder gave paper before Woman's Alliance on "New View of Uncle Tom's Cabin," at 3 P. M. Sunday, Jan. 28, Mr. Snyder spoke at missionary meeting at Lowell, Mass., at 7 P. M.

THE ALLIANCE had a very practical and inter esting meeting on Jan. 9, with Miss Bertha Langmaid as speaker. Miss Langmaid is secretary of the National Committee on Cheerful Letter Work, and spoke with definiteness and earnestness of this admirable work. It transpired at this meeting that many members of the Alliance had carried on this work for many years as individuals. One lady has supplied reading matter and sent regular letters to seven "shut-ins" for twelve years. A very delightful as well as unique entertainment was given by the Alliance on Monday evening, Jan. 29. Rev. Thomas Van Ness, of the Second Church, Boston, gave a graphic and dramatic account of Life and Scenes in Russia from Also of Count Tolstoi, his personal experiences. whom he visited at his home.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Prayer 12.15 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer. Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.45 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

WEDNESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

THURSDAY

2.30 Women's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. At an initiation held after evening prayer on Sunday last, four new members were admitted to the Society.

THE RECTOK takes this opportunity to express the gratitude of himself and his sisters for the many kind expressions of sympathy that have been received during the past two weeks.

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the extinction of the debt was held on Thursday evening, eve of the Feast of the Purification. The music was rendered by the choir of Grace Church, Newton.

MINISTERING CHILDREN'S LEAGUE. Meetings are now held at the house of Miss Mabel Hall on Waban street. The attendance has increased considerably during the last month, and more work is being accomplished.

LENT begins with Ash Wednesday, Feb. 28. There will be services on that day at 10.30, 4.30 and 7.15. During the season there will be services every day in the week except Monday. Announcements of these services will be made in the next number of OUR TOWN.

EXTINCTION OF PARISH DEBT. By a gift of \$4.000 from Mr. F. W. Hunnewell, which was received Jan. 13, the mortgage on the rectory was cancelled, thus leaving the parish entirely free from debt. This makes \$12.000 that Mr. Hunnewell has given already. Would that other rich men might follow his example.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. St. Andrew's branch of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Board of Missions meets on Thursdays at the houses of different members. Following are the appointments for February and March: Feb. 1, Miss Hastings. Feb. 8, Miss Jennings. Feb. 15, Mrs. Stanwood. Feb. 20, (Tuesday) Mrs. Clark, Central Ave., Needham. March 1, Mrs. Lauderburn. March 8, Mrs. Nye. March 15, Mrs. Stanwood. March 29, Miss Jennings. All women of the church who are interested in the work of missions are cordially invited to attend these meetings, even though they cannot come regularly. Those who cannot attend at all, may become honorary members of the Branch by the payment of one dollar to the Treasurer, Miss Virginia Ely. This money will be used to buy materials for the work.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

WINTER TERM. College opened for the winter term Jan. 4. The mid-year examinations began February first, and will extend to the tenth inclusive.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT. President Hazard's first annual report to the College trustees contains much of interest regarding the general condition of the College. To her predecessor in office, Mrs. Julia J. Irvine, the new president pays a graceful and fitting tribute in the following words: "At the close of the academic year 1898-1899, I came to Wellesley and devoted some time to going over the grounds and buildings and informing myself as to the methods of administration. To the kindness of the retiring president I owe a debt of gratitude. The personal admiration I had learned to entertain for her was deepened as I saw her ability in the management of affairs, and the excellent condition in which they were placed in my hands."

Of the Wellesley faculty, President Hazard speaks in cordial terms: "The academic council of the faculty has the best interests of the College close at heart. It is to the last degree conscientious and thorough, and I cannot express too warmly my appreciation of the kindness with which it has welcomed me."

Concerning the new division of administrative duties which went into effect at the opening of the year, the President says: "In beginning my work here it seemed very necessary to make a division of alministrative duties somewhat different from that before existing, and I thought it wise to request the appointment of a dean who should assume such duties and take the more strictly academic side of the work. leaving me free for the general supervision of college affiirs, the external relations of the College, and the home administration. This last I find to be a very important factor in Wellesley life. Our duty includes not only the instruction of a large body of stulents, but their housing, their living, their amusement and general welfare; and the numberless daily questions which arise to be settled make the difference between comfort and happiness, or the contrary conditions. By the appointment of Dean Coman the trustees have done honor to the College, and secured a most efficient

After a review of the new appointments on the corps of instruction, and of the presidential inauguration services in October, President Hazard names the distinguished lecturers and preachers whose presence has enriched the college life this year, and adds: "One of the pressing needs of the College is a fund to devote to the maintenance of the chapel services. While we have many advantages in having eminent men of different denominations, there must be some loss resulting from a lack of continuity of instruction. We should look toward some system of college preachers, when each minister can come into residence for a month or more. The opportunity for useful work is large, the congregation most responsive, and with the beautiful new chapel, the results aimed at should be higher than ever.

Considerable space in the report is devoted to the building and repairs which have been recently in progress,—matters generally known to the people of Wellesley. Regarding student numbers, President Hazard says: "It is gratifying to report the entrance of a large freshman class; 223 new students were admitted in September. . . . The total registration for September, 1899, is 687."

An Interesting Report

THOSE who have stumbled about town in the dim light of our electricity during the fall and winter will be glad to have the following report from the Chief of Police. It confirms the suspicion that we have not been getting as much light as we have been entitled to. By contract the street lights should burn every night until 12.30 A. M.

Sept. 11. Lights out from 8.15 P. M. to 11.30 P. M. " 12. " 23. 10.45 P. M. to 11.30 P. M. 7.30 " " 8.30 " 8.30 A. M. Oct. 25. " 26-31. Out all night — rainy and very dark. Nov. 5. 8.45 P. M. to 10.10 P. M. " 27. " 29. 12.15 A. M. " 12.30 A. M. 9.15 Р. м. " 10.50 Р. м. 9.00 " " 9.15 " 6.00 " " 7.30 " . . 30. Dec. 24. 7.20 " " 8.00 "

THE next regular meeting of the Christian Workers Circle of King's Daughters will be held at Mrs. Clarence Wiswall's, Wellesley Falls, on Friday, Feb. 23d, at 2.30 p. m. Any lady wishing to join the Circle will please notify the Secretary, Mrs. Frank Morse, Wellesley Farms.

Wellesley Steam Laundry

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EDITORIAL

NCE in every season the Wellesley Club holds a purely social evening. This was successfully done at the February meeting. A paper read by Mr. Richardson at that time is printed in this number. It tells of the formation of the Club and its spirit and purpose throughout the ten years of its history. The four men mentioned as having called the original meeting were Messrs. George E. Richardson, Joseph W. Peabody, Joseph E. Selfe and the late Mr. S. Herbert Whitney, of Newton Lower Mr. Richardson may properly be called the father of the Club, and has the unique record of having attended every meeting during the ten years since the Club was founded.

MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TREE WARDEN

THE law enacted by the Legislature, May 4, 1899, whereby towns are compelled to elect tree wardens yearly, will come before the town for the first time at the annual meeting. It is an important office to fill. The warden must understand dendrology thoroughly. As his power is almost unlimited in regard to trimming or cutting trees down, he must be a man of good judgment, and free from prejudice, when his neighbors apply to him either to remove or to trim trees.

EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS

There will be several requests for the extension of water pipes. One of these reads: "To see what action the town will take in regard to the guarantees given for the extension of the water mains." This subject means a great deal to the town of Wellesley. It has been the custom of the town, since water was introduced, to charge takers of

water who lived some way from the center of the town, from five to ten per cent on the cost of laying the pipe, a custom that has been almost universal in Massachusetts towns. To some of the citizens it seems unfair to charge a guarantee outside of a certain zone, arbitrarily fixed by the Water Commissioners. Unless some limit is established, it might cost the town thousands of dollars to extend pipes at the request of Mr. B., and receive from him in return perhaps six dollars per year for water used. There are other citizens who uphold the officials in fixing a rate for water takers beyond a certain limit, because of the low valuation of lands in the sparsely-settled districts. There is no doubt but every body can have water in Wellesley, if he is willing to have the outlying land taxed at the same rate per foot that land is taxed in the center of the villages. The adjustment of taxes so that every one shall pay his proportionate part has been and always will be a difficult prob-

LAKE WABAN

The article relating to the taking of land bordering on Lake Waban for park purposes, and to build bath houses on same, will be of interest to all the citizens. It will be well for the inhabitants to look up their rights to this beautiful sheet of water before town meeting, and they will realize what they have been losing all these years.

TOWN FARM HOUSE

For several years the State inspectors have recommended changes in the plan of the Town Farm house, for sanitary and other reasons. A number of disinterested citizens have looked into the matter, and, after a thorough investigation, procuring plans and estimates, have drawn up an article for the March meeting, in which they ask for a sum of money to carry out the proposed improvements. The Wellesley officials have always been instructed to deal generously and justly with the unfortunate who come under their care, and the town will undoubtedly be ready to grant the amount required.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

The committee appointed some time ago will report on the advisability of the town owning its own plant. They have been making investigations in different parts of the State, and will be prepared to place before the town a complete plan for building, cost of maintenance, and also the cost to each citizen for commercial purposes.

IN GENERAL

The usual appropriations for schools, highways and incidentals will be asked for, all of which will be of interest to the voters and taxpayers. As the town grows, the importance of the citizens becoming familiar with the town government, and attending the town meetings, becomes more urgent.

RICHARD CUNNINGHAM.

DOES THE TOWN PROPERLY CARE FOR ITS POOR?

UR town farm has been criticised severely in the State Report for the year 1899. Our pride is aroused. Is the criticism just? The house is immaculately neat, and there is evidence everywhere of painstaking care to be clean; but the conveniences for housekeeping are of the most primitive type. The store closet is a small, unlighted brick vault leading from the matron's bedroom. It is inconvenient to make this bedroom a passage-way, besides being a detriment, to say the least, to the food supply. The kitchen, where the inmates eat, is insufferably hot in summer, and it is difficult to serve the meals for so many from such confined quarters. A separate dining-room for inmates, with serving pantry connected with kitchen, is needed. Leading from the kitchen is the laundry, so-called. There are no set tubs, but an old-fashioned copper boiler over a brick oven, with a floor worn out and splintered to the last degree. We find the ice chest in a small closet, in a situation that our Wellesley women would not tolerate a day in their own households. There is no sitting-room for the women; the feeble must stay in their own small rooms week in and week out. There is only one bath room in the building.

Is all this crowding of closets, pantrys, domestic apartments and bedrooms for both sexes necessary? There is a hall in the second story, 75 feet by 35 feet, which, so far as we can learn, has never been used since the days when the town meetings were held in it, before the town of Wellesley was set off from Needham, except for storing a few squashes and pumpkins and festoons of dried apples.

The roseate view given in our last few town reports does not seem to be confirmed by our State inspector, who says: "This almshouse, as has been reported in previous

years, is cheerless and poorly arranged.

. . . No provision for the separation of the sexes is provided."

Let the citizens examine into the condition of affairs. There is plainly a State standard for the management of almshouses; we fall far below this standard, as reports and investigations show. Do we wish to be one of the few towns where the almshouse is continually reported to be cheerless and poorly arranged?

The amount required to improve this building is so small that the town could easily afford the appropriation, and it would make it possible for us to retain the services of a competent warden and matron.

Should such an appropriation be made, Wellesley could take as much pride in its almshouse as in its school buildings, projected expensive parks and other measures for public welfare.

THE FRIENDLY AID COMMITTEE.

MANUAL TRAINING

PROF. William G. Ward of Cambridge, whose name is familiar to all interested in the development of manual training among the younger portion of the population, was the speaker of the afternoon at the meeting of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club on February 21.

In speaking upon the subject of manual training, Prof. Ward reminded his hearers that the question was not a new one. To the child of a few generations ago, living upon a farm, manual training was unconsciously a necessity. To the child living in crowded cities and thickly-settled communities nothing of the kind exists. It is to bring to these city children the knowledge of the use of their hands, that is common to all country children, that the work of manual training is being urged in the city schools and institutions. "For the best development of the brain," said the speaker, "it was necessary during the youth of the child to employ his hands." The average intelligence of the children in reform schools and penitentiaries is greater than that of children of the same age outside. Without some occupation this intelligence is in many cases a power of evil. Therefore, the speaker urged the need of training all children to the skilful use of their hands in some one or more branches of work by which they could be self-supporting, and therefore self-respecting and have a knowledge of thine and mine. "This in itself," said Prof. Ward, "would be a great step toward solving many of the social problems which confront us at the present day." The lecture was listened to with marked interest by the audience, many persons remaining afterward to ask, Prof. Ward questions which his address had suggested.

THE WELLESLEY FREE BED

THE readers of Our Town may be interested to learn of the success of the Wellesley Free Bed these past months. We are very glad to say that the advantages of having a free bed so easy of access as the Newton Hospital have been made evident, while the demand for such an aid to our citizens has proved its need. The physicians of the town have repeatedly made application for the use of the bed, and, as no patient is admitted to the hospital without a physician's certificate, we are confident that only worthy cases have been treated. During these months the bed has been occupied many weeks, and men, women and children have received wise and faithful treatment. One woman, after a week in the hospital, returning home with restored health, spoke not only of the good care from the doctors and nurses, but of the pleasant surroundings and cheerful spirit which pervaded the ward. This seems to be the general expression of all with whom we have spoken.

Another patient, with a serious trouble making it impossible for her to work for her family, received rest and care for two weeks and has since been able to resume her former activities. The life of at least one little boy, critically ill with pneumonia, has been saved, while in other cases serious results were averted by prompt attention and skilful treatment.

Is it not of some value to us to have a feeling of security and to know that in emergency cases we have a near place of refuge to which we may resort?

A few cases were pronounced chronic and were dismissed, after reliable medical advice had been obtained and the general system of the patient had been benefited. We are assured that those who have been most closely connected with this interesting and worthy benevolence, and have been able to personally observe, feel most confident of the practical advantages of having a free bed. Early this spring our year will expire,

and it is again necessary to raise \$300 for another year. On Sunday, March 25, the Wellesley churches will have a Hospital Sunday, and a special collection will be taken on that date. Also any donations will be gladly received from other friends who are interested.

MARY C. BACHELDER, Wellesley Director of Newton Hospital Aid.

THE HISTORY OF THE WELLESLEY CLUB

Tameeting held at the house of President Fiske, about twelve years ago, a paper on purely social clubs was read by the late S. Harris Austin, and an outline of the work the Cambridge Club had been engaged in for some years followed. An effort was then made to show that there was a place in our community for a similar club, in which the practical features of debate on town topics might follow a social hour at the dining table. No attempt was made at that time to sound the sentiment of the townsmen upon this subject, partly because it was asserted, by gentlemen who have since proved most active in contributing to the Club's success, that the peculiar conditions existing between the three villages, and also in each village, would render it impossible to persuade enough men to meet and make the attempt.

The chief agitator in this movement was very like a raw recruit in his first battle; for, not knowing the danger of the battle-field as did the veterans, he insisted on charging straight at his friends—the enemy. Four gentlemen met, canvassed the voting list and issued invitations to meet and discuss the advisability of forming a club of this kind. The response was very encouraging; the club was organized and the debates and social features have advanced hand in hand for ten years.

There are misinformed individuals in our town who ask, "Of what good is the Wellesley Club, meeting as it does in Boston and never taking an active part in town politics?" There have been many instances of its usefulness of which I will mention but one. Those of us who have been members from the first can recall the town meetings of twelve years ago, and, with a little thought, compare them with those of today. Has there not been a distinct advance in

their action and their general morals? for one, claim the improvement as largely due to the unconscious influence of our Club, bringing as it does many of the citizens of the three villages to one common social center at least once a month; making them acquainted with each other, and as a result of that acquaintance showing them that they are members of one community—not three, and that forbearance, generosity, public spirit and good judgment are really what all would practice. The Club has never recommended action to the town on any subject; it never will. It seeks from its own members and from distinguished guests the latest experience and opinions on special subjects, and then leaves each member free to form his own judgment. To that liberal policy the Club owes its success, best shown by the recent election of its hundredth manits limit of membership.

It is not easy for one who has not been associated with the management during the ten years of the Club's life, and next to impossible for a new member, to realize the sense of pride and satisfaction that some of us take in seeing the Wellesley Club strongly supported. As long as it maintains its present standard, so long will there be a place for it and so long will its quiet influence permeate the whole community.

GEORGE E. RICHARDSON.

MRS. HOWE'S REMINISCENCES

[RS. Julia Ward Howe had every advantage of environment. For her heredity she has reason to be profoundly thankful. Her mother was beautiful in face and character. Married at sixteen, she died at twenty-seven, beloved and mourned by all who knew her, leaving an inconsolable husband and six children—a motherless group. Julia was a little more than four years old. Her father was of Rhode Island birth and descent, a man of fine culture, a Puritan, conscientions to a degree, and one of the honored and successful merchants of New York. Julia was born May 27, 1819, in the fine home—for that day—on Bowling Green, then a region of high fashion. The Battery was her playground. After the mother's death the father was especially solicitous about the rearing of his children. An unmarried sister of Julia's mother was charged with the care of the family. She was of rare honesty, entirely conscientious, possessed of few accomplishments, but endowed with the keenest sense of humor. She had previously been an inmate of the home, helping her sister in the care of the little children, and had often threatened to hang a sign over her door with the inscription, "Cheering done here by the job, by E. Cutler." She watched over her nieces and nephews, as they sometimes thought, too carefully, keeping them in overheated rooms for fear of their catching cold, which consequently they constantly did.

Julia's education was rigidly superintended, and her associates were selected by her father with extreme care. She had governesses and masters and private schools. She was precocious and gifted with a good memory. At nine she studied Paley's Moral Philosophy, and committed many pages of it to memory. Languages were very congenial, and she learned to read and speak French fluently, and added knowledge of Latin, Italian and German. Her father was fond of books and paintings, and had one of the best galleries of his day. Good music and good society were much enjoyed. Her father's religious views became more strict after the mother's death, and, looking back upon it, Mrs. Howe thinks that her earlier years were somewhat hampered by the restricted routine of the Puritan family life, with its abstinence and simplicity and morning and evening prayers. Her father, with all his noble generosity and overweening affection, "sometimes appeared to me as my Yet she would doubtless be the last to fail to appreciate those qualities of character which were due in her to her parentage and rearing. Few have had advantages so ample for true culture, and it was a culture that could not have resulted from such devotion to the simply fashionable society of the time that at times would have gratified the young woman's desires and inclinations. What she lost in the way of social gayety she far more than made up for in the study of German and English literature, and the acquirement of the education which fitted her for the larger part she was destined to play in life. It was worth while missing society's whirl to make a Julia Ward Howe.

This volume of "Reminiscences," to which I am thus introducing my readers, is charming from beginning to end. The chapters on literary New York, New York society, the home life, the studies, her marriage to

Dr. Howe and tour in Europe, the first years in Boston, the anti-slavery agitation, literary work, men and movements in the sixties, the women's peace crusade, and the woman's suffrage movement, with the pages given to personal recollections of the great men and women with whom Mrs. Howe was thrown, are all of them delightful. circle into which she came when she married Dr. Howe and transferred her life interests from New York to Boston, was the most interesting that this country has known. With what envy we regard those who were on terms of friendship with Emerson, Longfellow, Holmes, Lowell, Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner, James Freeman Clarke, Dr. Hedge, Colonel Higginson, and Phillips Brooks later. It was the circle of genius, in which thought was master, and great ideas had pre-eminence.

With natural endowments developed by an unusual training, Mrs. Howe was competent to get the most out of the new associations. In her husband she had a man of the highest type, devoted to the amelioration of the condition of those who had been left most helplessly in their blindness. In a true sense he opened the eyes of the blind, and brought possibilities of education and happiness to thousands. It was an appreciated privilege to associate thus closely with such a character. Those first years in New England were great years, full of toil, full of study, full of high enterprises, such as bring out the most and best of one. Mrs. Howe grew intellectually and spiritually, and found the larger horizon for which as a young woman she had longed. Abolition became to her a living subject, and she was with Garrison and Wendell Phillips and good old John Brown. Then came the specific woman's movements, and into these she threw her energy and influence. Whatever one may think of some of the arguments, the ability and character of Mrs. Howe as an advocate will not be denied. And the character of such a woman goes much further in support of her cause than any argument.

I wish I had space to give some of the incidents, characteristic and brimful of interest. But my purpose will be accomplished if these desultory comments lead my readers to read the book in which Mrs. Howe tells, as she only can, the story in part of her eventful life.

HOWARD B. GROSE.

FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

[NOTE. Whatever may have occurred during the previous month of special interest to Wellesley people will hereafter be noted in this column. Readers are requested to aid in making the record complete.]

LECTURES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. Samuel Eliot, secretary of the American Unitarian Association, addressed the ladies of the Woman's Alliance, Wellesley Hills, on Feb. 27. Subject, "Denominational Work."

Rev. W. G. Puddefoot, Field Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, gave the Men's League, Wellesley, one of his witty and brilliant talks, March 1. Subject: "Past and Present."

Prof. Katharine Coman, Dean of Wellesley College, gave a stereopticon lecture at the Wellesley Congregational Church, Feb. 28, on the "Highways and Byways in Spain." The proceeds were divided between Mrs. Gulick's Institute for Girls in Madrid, Spain, and the Church.

Mrs. P. T. Farwell addressed the Woman's Union, in Wellesley, Feb. 27, on "The Creed of a Young Child."

On "Gentlemen's Night," Feb. 7, before the Woman's Club and its guests, Miss Helen Brooks gave a delightful musical lecture on "The l'icturesque in Music," with piano illustration and songs by Mrs. Louise Brooks.

Another musical lecture was given at Dana Hall, Feb. 26, by Mr. Homer A. Norris, on "The Evolution of the Art of Music," with baritone songs by Mr. Arthur Phillips.

The Wellesley Tuesday Club has listened during the past month to a most instructive talk by Dr. George B. Rice, Boston University School of Medicine, on "Medical and Sanitary Progress of the Closing Century;" also to a comprehensive paper by Mr. B. H. Sanborn, on "Educational Progress of the Century."

IN THE PULPIT

Mr. Snyder preached at the Young Men's Christian Union, Boston, Feb. 11, and in Washington, D. C., Feb. 25. He also made an address in Salem, Feb. 18, in the "Forward Movement" course.

Rev. Joshua Coit, Secretary of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, preached in the Wellesley Congregational Church, Feb. 18.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

On St. Valetine's Day the younger classes of the Unitarian Sunday School, Wellesley Hills, gave a Mother Goose party. On Feb. 16, the Society and Sunday School met together in a social coffee party at Maugus Hall.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades of the Hunnewell school appeared in Colonial custom on the afternoon before Washington's Birthday and entertained the boys with cocoa and cake.

On Feb. 22, there was a very successful entertainment at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church. Prof. J. K. Richardson gave a thrilling account of his war experiences with the Army of the Potomac, and Miss Jones sang several pieces very acceptably, closing with the Star Spangled Banner.

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7.45 Mid-week Service.

REV. A. W. HITCHCOCK, of Newburyport, will preach on Sunday, March 18, in exchange with the

THE PASTOR will address the annual meeting of the Associated Charities of Newburyport, on Sunday evening, March 18.

PROPHETS AND PROPHECY. A class for the careful study of the Prophets of Israel has been formed at the Parsonage on Saturday evenings at 7.30. All are invited.

INDIA FAMINE RELIEF. Special contributions to the amount of \$28 have already been made to the Relief Fund. The Pastor will be glad to forward anything more that is sent to him.

NEW MEMBERS. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. J. Anderson will be received into this church on March 4, by letter from the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church. Mr. Anderson was formerly a member of this church, having been transferred to Wellesley Hills in 1893.

THE MEN'S LEAGUE already numbers about forty members. Committees on religious work, on fellowship, on entertainment, on good citizenship and on fraternal aid have been formed and are actively at work. The next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday evening April 5.

ARMENIAN ORPHANS. The Foreign Missionary Department of the Woman's Union will send away this month a box of garments which have been made for the orphans under the care of Miss Agnes Lord, now in Turkey. The Junior Endeavor Society is collecting funds for the same object.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY. On March 25, an offering will be made for the support of the Free Bed in the Newton Hospital, established last year. Elsewhere in this issue the value of the Bed is set forth. The offering for the Congregational Church Building Society, scheduled for this month will, be postponed until December.

SPECIAL SERVICES. Beginning on Sunday, March 4, a series of printed musical and responsive services will be used on Sunday evenings, having for a general subject, "Types of Discipleship." The topics for the several evenings are as follows: March 4, "The Master and His Disciples;" March 11, "Simon Peter;" March 18, "James;" March 25, "John;" April 1, "Paul." A male chorus has been formed to conduct the singing and furnish special music.

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7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

READING by MRS. EMILY SHAW FORMAN, on Tuesday, March 6, at 8.co P. M., under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. There will also be special music, and the reading will be followed by tea and a sale of candy. Admission, twenty-five cents.

Y. P. S. C. E. The Pastor asks the young people to make a special effort to be present at those Friday evening prayer meetings which are marked "C. E on the printed list. The first of these is on March 9. Topic: "Shaping Conduct by Truth," meeting to be led by Dr. Sanborn. For entertainment given by this Society see notice elsewhere in this column.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. A new plan has been adopted by the Church Committee for the coming months, in order to introduce an element of variety and more life in the meetings. If routine is the fault of the meetings, there will be every chance to avoid it in the future. Each meeting is to have its own leader with perfect freedom to follow out his own plan. Let the people help. Slips containing names of leaders can be had of the Pastor. The topics are those of the Congregational Handbook.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS, Mar. 6, the annual meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the W. B. M. will be held at Dedham, morning and afternoon sessions. For this reason there will be no women's meeting held here. March 13. Extra sewing meeting for benevolent work with Mrs. Oldham at 2.30; dime collection. March 20. Regular sewing meeting at 2.30 with Mrs. Oldham. Business meeting and afternoon tea. March 27. Foreign Missionary meeting, postponed from March 6, to be held with Mrs. Oldham at 3.00 o'clock. It is expected that there will be an address by a missionary.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. March 4, communion service. March 11. Rev. Geo. A. Hood, Field Secretary of the Congregational Church Building Society, will tell of the work of the Society. The only special collection of the year for this cause will be taken. There is no better way to help Home Missionary work. Let our offering be generous. March 25, Hospital Sunday. All the churches in Wellesley are to observe this day as Hospital Sunday. Sermons appropriate to the occasion and a collection for the support of the Welleslev Free Bed at the Newton Hospital.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

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REV. JOHN SNYDER, PASTOR.

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

WEDNESDAV evening, March 28, Mr. Snyder will preach at Athol.

SUNDAY, March 11. The Pastor will preach at 7.45 P. M. for Rev. Mr. Fowle, of Brookline.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE are working busily for their annual sale and entertainment.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, February 26,

THE SOCIAL MEETING arranged for March 7, at the parsonage, has been postponed until the following week.

REV. ISAAC PORTER, of Newton Lower Falls, occupied the pulpit on February 25, while Mr. Snyder was in Washington, D. C.

IN THE COURSE on "The Gospel in the Book of Genesis," the Pastor will speak on "The Flood," "The Tower of Babel," and "The Founding of the Hebrew Commonwealth."

THE PASTOR desires to emphasize the fact stated by Rev. Mr. Eliot, Secretary of the A. U. A., that the next annual meeting of the organization will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary, and to express the hope that our Society's contribution for missionary work may be unusually large this year.

THE WELLESLEY HILLS Branch Alliance held no meeting on February thirteenth owning to the severe storm.

On February twenty-seventh the meeting was held in the evening in order that the gentlemen of the parish could have an opportunity to hear Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, Secretary of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Eliot spoke with earnestness of our denominational work and his audience listened with great interest.

St. Andrew's Church

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REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

 $Religious\ Services$

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Prayer 12.15 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer.

Holy Communion

First Sunday in the Month, 10.45 A. M. Third Sunday, 9.45 A. M.

Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

WEDNESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

THURSDAY

2.30 Women's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

FRESCOING THE CHAPEL. As a token of gratitude for the reduction of the parish debt, the interior of our house of worship has been beautified. Over the chancel arch runs the inscription, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him."

LENTEN SERVICES. Besides the usual services on Sunday, there will be special week-day services as follows:

Tuesdays, at 4.45, with reading from the great preachers.

Wednesdays at 1.45, with address on "The Fruits of Faith."

Thursdays at 4.45, with lectures by the Rev. Clifford Gray Twombly, of Newton Highlands, on "The History of the Jews between the Old and New Testaments."

Fridays at 7.15, with sermon by visiting clergymen. March 9, Rev. J. P. Hawkes of Dedham; March 16, Rev. M. H. Gates, of Cohasset; March 30, Rev. S. H. Hilliard, of Boston; April 6, Rev. C. P. Mills, of Wollaston

Saturdays, Girls' Friendly Society service at 8.co P. M.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. Meetings for March will be held as follows: March 8, Mrs. Nye; March 15, Miss Hastings; March 22, Mrs. Stanwood; March 29, Miss Jennings. Archdeacon Appleby, of the new missionary diocese of Duluth, spoke of his work at Evening Prayer last Sunday. Several members of the Auxiliary were present.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the diocese will visit the parish to confer the rite of confirmation on Sunday morning, May 20. A confirmation class will be formed for instruction after Easter. During Lent, the Wednesday afternoon service is intended especially for candidates.

ADDRESSES on Sunday evenings. During Lent, the rector proposes to take for a subject of Sunday evening addresses "Some Practical Phases of Christian Life." The subject for next Sunday evening will be "Heredity Versus Moral Responsibility."

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

VISIT OF AUTHORS' CLUB. A most interesting event took place Saturday afternoon, Feb. 24. when the Author's Club, of Boston and the immediate vicinity, visited the College by President Hazard's invitation. This large company of distinguished guests was entertained first with a reading by Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts, the Canadian author, from his own writings, and President Hazard afterwards gave a reception to the guests.

RUSKIN MEMORIAL SERVICE. On Sunday evening, February 18, a service in memory of John Ruskin was held in the College chapel, the arrangements having been made by the departments of art, economics and literature. After the opening hymns and prayer came a responsive reading of the nineteenth Psalm, followed by the reading of Ruskin's interpretation of this Psalm, in Fors Clavigera. The first address was made by Prof. Alice V. Brown, on Ruskin's interpretation of art, with illustrative readings from his text. Addresses on the social teachings of Ruskin were then given by Miss Emily G. Balch, of the economics department, Miss Jeannette A. Marks as president of the Wellesley College Settlement Chapter, and Miss Vida D. Scudder, associate professor of literature. A noteworthy feature of this service was the singing by the College chorus of the hymn composed by Canon H. D. Rawnsley, and sung at the funeral of Kuskin, in Coniston, Jan. 25. This hymn is soon to be published in the Atlantic Monthly Magazine.

OTHER RECENT EVENTS. The annual midwinter concert took place on the evening of Feb. 22, bringing together as usual a great number of invited guests. This concert will be repeated on Monday evening, March 5. An ice camival, new to the Wellesley world, was successfully carried out in mid-February, and arrangements are already on foot for an athletic field day, to be held this spring, similar to the one last year. Dr. Lyman Abbott preached in the Houghton Memorial Chapel two Sundays in succession during the month. An appropriate service, in memory of Henry F. Durant, founder of the College, was held on the evening of February 23. The College chorus gave effective aid with the singing, Prof. Ellen Hayes spoke briefly of Mr. Durant's potent influence in the early days of the College, and President Hazard paid high tribute to the purposes of the founder.

THE STUDY OF ECONOMICS. been a steadily increasing zeal for the study of economics among the students for these past few years, and the courses in this subject offer various lines of investigation. Problems connected with vital matters of reform are studied in the light of all that modern science can do to explain them. Visits to various institutions and organizations suggest new questions or prove a wholesome corrective and stimulant. The second half-year of the work in social economics is devoted to the study of needs and opportunities connected with the normal, rather than the morbid functions of society, questions of population and housing, sanitation and municipal housekeeping, public provision for cleanliness, education and recreation. At the Economics and History Clubs, teachers and students meet fortnightly to discuss current matters of economic interest.

WELLESLEY HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB

T is a matter of regret that a greater number of people were not present to hear the very able lecture on Manual Training given before the Woman's Club last month, by Mr. William G. Ward, of Cambridge. The lecture aroused much interest, and stirred up an active, informal discussion afterwards. Judging from the well-sustained points, it behooves the Wellesley citizens to take heed to this important adjunct of modern education—manual training. We cannot afford to be without it. Boys must not be allowed to grow up without the moral development which this training affords, training which will enable them to earn their own living, if need be, by the combined effort of brain and hand. What made America great was that every man worked with his hands.

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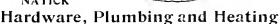
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EDITORIAL

IOSPITAL Sunday may now be considered an established institution in Wellesley. About \$250 was contributed in the five town churches, on March 25, towards the support of the Wellesley Free Bed in the Newton Hospital for the coming year.

THERE are times when board walks are desperately in demand in certain muchtraversed places. The early spring is one of these times, and two of the places are the driveway around by the Public Library door and the walk from the Hunnewell School house to Church street.

NE thousand dollars has been given to the Wellesley Public Library by the will of the late Miss Elizabeth E. Flagg, a former resident of Wellesley and a member of the Wellesley Congregational Church. This is the kind of practical appreciation of one's early home which counts for more than bushels of good wishes.

IELLESLEY College begins at last to breathe more freely with reference to its annual income. It has been wearing on the nerves of those who administer the College interests to have to make ends meet where there was no reasonable expectation that they could meet. And an increasing debt for running expenses is no more delightful for a college than for a home. We congratulate the College Beautiful on the near fulfilment of its hopes.

[T HAS been suggested that Mr. Rockefeller's offer of \$100,000 to the College Endowment Fund ought not to be accepted on account of the methods of the Standard Oil Co. in creating the fortunes of the Rockefeller family. If the College were committed by such acceptance to any approval of those methods, then the question of propriety might well be raised. But it would seem as if the Christian standard of honor in business could be better established by the use of such money to promulgate the true ethics than by allowing the money to be diverted to some less worthy purpose.

THE much-needed Department Building, for the housing of highway, fire and water departments, has been finished and opened for use. It seems to be admirably adapted not only to the present but to the distant future needs. Probably it will be some time before the town will need a fire engine or a hook and ladder truck, but the places for them are provided and we may rest more securely in our beds. It is also pleasant to know that hereafter, whatever may be the kaleidoscopic changes in the administration of the highway department, the hard-worked earts and horses will at least have a permanent abode.

MR. EDWARD LAWRENCE, PRESI-DENT OF THE MAUGUS CLUB

[R. EDWARD LAWRENCE, whose portrait we publish this month, was born in Charlestown, Mass., on May 23, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Charlestown and Boston, and at eighteen years of age entered the business house of Messrs. W. F. Weld & Co., ship owners, importers and general merchants, where he remained until 1875, when the firm dissolved. Since that period Mr. Lawrence has continued in the same line of business on his own account.

He became a resident of Wellesley Farms about nine years ago, and, since the birth of his citizenship, has been deeply interested and active in everything that could advance the interest and prosperity of the town of Wellesley. He is a member and a very generous supporter of the Unitarian Church; also an enthusiastic member of the Wellesley Club.

The Maugus Club, of which Mr. Lawrence is the present president, was organized as early as 1892, but not legally incorporated till July, 1896. Its first president was Mr. Joseph E. Fiske. He was followed in turn by Messrs. Francis C. Hersey, Frank F. Baldwin, Gamaliel Bradford, Jr., John Edmunds and Isaac Sprague.

Mr. Lawrence was elected president in 1898, and, contrary to the usual custom, has been re-elected for the year 1899-1900.

The purposes of the Club, as expressed in its articles of incorporation, are for its "maintaining places for social meetings and reading rooms, for the accommodation of social and charitable bodies, and for encouragement of athletic exercises." The handsome club house was occupied for the first time on Oct. 17, 1896. The club has not only furnished an admirable meeting place for the social and charitable organizations of the town, but it has tended to centralize its social life and give to that life the sense of civic unity. Within its walls the old and young meet together in habitual association. Fathers and sons may be seen engaged in the same amusements and recreations. And as gambling and drinking are rigidly banished from the Club, it has done much, no doubt, to give the social life of Wellesley Hills a distinctly higher and cleaner character. The writer of this has frequently heard the Club criticised by sincere and seriousminded citizens of the town-because of the opportunity it offers for the blameworthy wasting of time, and because it tempts heads of families away from their own firesides. This charge may be measurably true, and yet not really affect the question as to the desirability of a social club. It is quite possible that men of all ages use time in the club that could be much more profitably employed. It is equally possible that such men may sometimes neglect their plain domestic duties and withhold from their families the companionship which is justly their due. But the absence of the social club would not create domestic virtue. Virtue and vice are not matters of opportunity so much as matters of inner disposition and impulse. Sensible men who know how to use recreation and leisure rationally should not be deprived of a social club simply because foolish men abuse its privileges.

The writer deeply regrets that so many of the able and educated young men of Welles-ley habitually withhold from the churches their interest and attendance. He feels sure that in the coming years, when they have assumed control of the social, educational, political and penal institutions of the Commonwealth, they will be amazed at the widely spread consequences of their neglect

and at the deterioration of civic virtue that follows the decay of religious and ethical institutions. But this writer is equally sure that if you should shut up every social club in the Commonwealth, lock the door of every Sunday library, break every Sunday golfstick and wreck every bicycle, you would not thereby drive these young men into the churches, or necessarily deepen their sense of religious obligation if you did.

JOHN SNYDER.

THE NEW INDIVIDUALISM

A few years ago a benevolently-inclined lady sent a picture to be hung on the walls of a newly-formed social settlement in one of our large citics. The title of the picture was "Charity." An over-dressed woman, daintily holding up her skirts that they might not touch anything common or unclean, had dismounted from her carriage and stood before the door of a decrepit house, speaking to a poor woman who was, in turn, expressing her humble thankfulness for what she was about to receive. At a respectful distance stood a liveried footman carrying the basket of provisions which were about to be distributed.

The picture expressed what the giver undoubtedly believed to be the true view of charity,—what I have chosen to call the old individualism,—the idea that the struggle for life is every one's chief concern and that the utmost demand love makes is to require him who succeeds in getting things to throw his crusts to him who has not so succeeded.

Over against this picture place those which may be furnished today by the social settlement itself.

A young man of refined character, strong and healthy in body and in spirit, has about him a group of unkempt and irresponsible street boys. They are fired with a common enthusiasm, and together start for an empty house lot on a neighboring street where they set to work with spade and shovel to make a play ground. Rude swings are constructed; gymnastic apparatus of sufficient usefulness is manufactured on the spot. A friendly rivalry takes the place of back-alley fights, the policeman on the next beat wonders where the boys have gone, the boys have found a point of contact with a college athlete and he has found a new fellowship which much to his astonishment displaces others hitherto supposed permanent.

Another picture: In a wretched living room of a miserable back tenement, a group of ten boys and girls are playing games with a young college girl. In her face can be read the beauty and strength of New England's best inheritance and the honest frankness of the true type of well-educated American womanhood. In their faces are the national characteristics of down-trodden people, with that indefinable restlessness that marks the child whose kindergarten is in the gutter and whose companionship is any one who happens to move into the next tenement. The college girl is not the teacher, not the "worker," not the representative of church or state; she is the friend who comes to this room once a week. Hanging on the wall is a library of ten books which she has placed there, books in which childhood everywhere rejoices. Atter the games each child takes home a book; when ten weeks have passed each member of the group has had all the books. Then there is a change of libraries and another ten books are brought in. The books are talked over, the children think of them as alive with the vitality of this new friend who opens their eyes to a little of the truth and beauty in the

All this personal inspiring influence going into the life of a particular community cananates from a small group of men or women who live together in the community itself and from the intelligent and genuine friendliness of a larger group of associates who come from outside the district. This work bears no label. It is in the interest of n) ecclesiastical or other order. It receives dictation from no single authority. It is an orgunized effort of warm-hearted, clearheaded men and women who have determined to enter into the life of a neglected community and give to it something of the aspiration and ideals which have come to them as they have grown to maturity under more favorable influences. It is what I will call the expression of the new individual-

There is no clearer sign of the progress of humanity toward its true goal than this recognition of the personal worth of every individual life. For this is the sign of the new individualism which distinguishes it from the old. The old said: "Each one for himself," and thought it a merit when it was willing, even though from motives of self-preservation, to dole out a ration to a stary-

ing body. The new says: "Each man for every other," and is not satisfied until it has spent itself in giving to every hungry and thirsty soul the bread and water of life.

There are three theories of society which may be distinguished. We are outgrowing the first, struggling with the application of the second, and just catching glimpses of what the third would be if actually realized. The first is the sand-heap theory, according to which men are considered as unrelated and independent, even as the grains of loose sand, which make a pile simply by being next to each other, but between which there is no vital connection. One grain has as great a function as another. The unity of the pile is wholly superficial. This is the old individualism.

The second is the chemical-compound theory, according to which the individuals in society are merged into a social whole, even as the elements in a liquid are merged together, their own identity having been lost and their resultant alone having value. This is the fundamental conception of socialism.

The third is the human-body theory, stated most lucidly nineteen hundred years ago by the apostle Paul, according to which all men are in vital relation to each other as the different members of the body, yet each having a special function and an individual capacity. This is the new individualism.

Let us picture to ourselves the effect of the extension of the new individualism.

1. In the first place, it will change the emphasis in the matter of needs that are to be relieved. Food and clothes will not be the chief, although, for obvious reasons, they will often be the first, need considered. If every man has a function in the great human body the real need is that he should be capable of fulfilling that function. If for any reason he is not fulfilling it the cause of his failure must be found, and there can be no rest until it is found. If the cause is within himself he must be brought to a sense of his responsibility or treated as one who refuses to do his part in society. If it is in his environment or in the social system under which he lives then effort must be made to correct that environment and that social system.

But to treat a needy human being for some superficial symptom without any adequate knowledge of the disease is as foolish in philanthropy as in medicine. Yet it is precisely that sort of foolishness which has prevented humanity from advancing faster along the path to its true self-realization.

2. Such facts lead to the next effect of the new individualism which will be to raise up a new occupation, or rather a new profession, namely that of social ministration. If the needs to be met are so complex and require such variety in treatment, it is obvious that only those with the proper training and experience can be trusted to diagnose cases and prescribe.

And this is precisely the function of the friendly visitor, now a most essential factor in all philanthropy. Such a visitor must not be one of those complacent individuals who goes about doing good for his own self-satisfaction, and not at all for the sake of those to whom he ministers. Nor must he be one of those official and officious representatives of mere ecclesiasticism who is willing to patronize provided he is treated with a proper subserviency.

The visitor is to be, above all things, a friend. And what does that involve? Just what nine out of ten human beings are today

longing for — genuine sympathy.

The true visitor will study causes of distress, will make people know that he has no maxe to grind," will enter into the life of the needy and see from their point of view, will bring intellectual and spiritual remedies to bear as well as physical, but will know enough not to talk religion when a policeman is needed. By such a visitor those who are in need and those who can supply that need, whatever the need may be, will be brought into friendly touch with each other; and each will be both giver and receiver.

3. It is also apparent that this broad work of social ministration cannot be done effectively by isolated individuals, or churches or organizations. Co-operation with federation are both essential and inevitable. There is little doubt of the enormity of the waste in philanthropy and reform movements, simply because there is not a clear understanding of just what ought to be done, and yet every humane individual wants to go right on doing it.

Five turkeys sent to one home, from different sources, on a single Thanksgiving Day represents the blundering way in which some good people try to lay up treasures in heaven at the expense of their humbler fellow-men who cannot help themselves.

It is always an injury to do for a man

what he can do for himself. The service he needs is to be helped to perform his own part; and nothing can save a community from constant waste and inefficiency in its philanthropy except a united effort of all members of the community to serve each other in the most common-sense way and for the highest ends.

EDWARD H. CHANDLER.

A GLIMPSE OF LIFE IN WASHING-TON

To the Editors of "Our Town":

It is a pleasure to comply with your request for a letter from Washington, being confident that, although you are clergymen, you will not put me in the straight-jacket of the Rev. Mr. Sheldon of Topeka. I am not quite so confident, however, of escaping the waste basket, for if I were to write about the great debate in Congress over Porto Rico you would turn from it, having already heard enough about that; and if I were to write about the work of the Industrial Commission I might be accused of talking shop. As for society, it is Lent now and society is taking a rest. But this gives me a text.

There is need enough of the rest, for society here is conducted on a different principle from that prevailing elsewhere. other cities and towns newcomers wait to be called upon. Here they call upon whomsoever they please, though chiefly upon those who are in public life. In that sense the ladies of every official's household are in public life. The cabinet ladies receive on a certain day, the Supreme Court ladies on another; the senatorial ladies have a day the representative ladies another. Other people have their days, of course, as they do elsewhere. The season is usually January and February, or from the holidays to Lent, but with many it begins earlier and ends later. Receptions are usually from three to six, and for women who are not strong, to stand all that time and greet friends and strangers, trying hard to remember those whom they have seen before and to fix in mind those whom they are liable to meet again, is wearing in the extreme. Then within a week the calls have to be returned, if possible, though the cabinet ladies are permitted to return by card.

Not many gentlemen find time to participate in these day functions, therefore there

is a round of evening receptions and dinners, both of which are more wearing than the calls. To people who meet often they are delightful, provided health and strength hold out, and without doubt they soften the asperities of the inevitable conflicts in Congress and in politics. Most of the hardest workers, however, find it impossible to be in the swim, for their days are spent in the Senate or House, or in attending to duties at the departments, or at committee hearingsusually all these each day—and their evenings must therefore be given up to their private correspondence or to study in preparation for debate. So you see there is little rest here and no freedom from care.

It is a hard, exacting life, and yet almost every body is willing and many are anxious to share it. I comiess to being something of a Barkis myself. Not, however, for the social reature, for I enjoy home society bet-Not, indeed, for the honor or prominence of it, for those roses have their thorns; but Thomas B. Reed, when he retired from his long and illustrious career in Congress, gave the true estimate of such life when he spoke of it as an opportunity -- a chance to serve one's country where the service is at the very lever that moves things, and such service, to be effective, must presuppose some preparation and the most unselfish devotion.

Congress is therefore not the body of bummers that some ignorant people have supposed it to be, but a body of temperate, studions, hard workers, nearly every one of whom is intent upon doing his full duty and many of whom have for years been acquiring expert knowledge of some of the great problems of statesmauship with which they have to deal.

A chapter might be devoted to the life and duties of those who serve in the executive departments, hundreds of whom are here practically for life, and who have so little opportunity for originality and personal independence that they become like faithful soldiers and lead useful but somewhat restricted lives. But I have reached the limit of the space assigned to me, and I will close by hoping that Our Town will flourish so well that every one will feel that our country is safe.

ALBERT CLARKE.

Washington, D. C., March 14, 1900.

MARCH HAPPENINGS

CHURCH SERVICES.

The claims of the Y. M. C. A., its remarkable recent growth and its present labors for army and navy, were presented in a most interesting manner at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, on Sunday evening, March 23, by Mr. S. B. Carter, a member of the executive committee of the Massachusetts Y. M. C. A.

A special musical service was held at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, March 25. The choir sang Hall's "Magnificat" and "Nune Dimittis in 1," and "Schnecker's "Lo the day of rest declineth." Mr. Franklin Wood of Waban sang Dudley Buck's "Fear not, O Israel."

Rev. G. A. Hood, secretary of the Congregational Church Building Society, spoke at the Sunday morning service in the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church, March 11.

"Parents' Day" was celebrated in the Unitarian Church Sunday School, on March 25.

Mr. Snyder preached in the Second Unitarian Church of Lookiine, Watch 21, and in Athol, March 28,

Printed musical and responsive services have been used in the Willesiey Congregational Church, at the March Sunday evening satisfies. A men's chorus has led the singing and furnish disposial nasic.

TECTURES AND ADDRESSES.

Mrs. F. E. Sturgis, of Natick, addressed the Woman's Union of the Welles'ey Congregational Church, March 27, on "The Modern Boy: what shall we do with him?" Miss Affect M. Kyle, field secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions, also spoke to the Union March 20.

Mr. Chandler addressed the gramingham District Convention of the Massichusetts Sunday School Association, March 28, on "The Reconstruction of Religious Education."

Mr. Farwell gave a paper before the Deston Congregational Ministers' Meeting, March 20, on "Conditions of and Preparation for Church Membership."

Mr. Snyder addressed the Unitarian Club of Brookline, on March 21. He also spoke to the Wellesley Hills Young Men's Club, March 8, on "A Trip to Cuba," with stereopticon illustrations displayed by Mr. Gilson.

The Willesley Tuesday Club listened to a most interesting paper, March 13, by Mr. I. H. Farnham, on "The Progress of Electrical Inventions During the Nineteenth Century," The Club also listened to a talk on "Manual Training in the Schools," given March 27, by Mr. Parkinson, Superintendent of the Waltham schools.

ENTURTAINMENTS.

The Maugus Club Minstrels gave their "farewell" performances, March 9 and 10, with great success. One hundred dollars were raised for the benefit of the Club House.

One of the most unique and interesting entertainments ever given in Wellesley was enjoyed by a large audience at Dana Hall, March 24. It consisted in the reproduction by Mrs. Jeannette R. Murphy of genuine African songs, folk tales, chants and sermons learned by long acquaintance with the Southern negro.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891 Organized, Sept. 6, 1798

REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, Pastor

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes. 6.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.45 Mid-week Service.

HELP THE SAILORS. Our annual offering for the support of the Boston Seaman's Friend Society will be made on April 29.

MR. GEORGE P. MORRIS, of the editorial staff of the "Congregationalist," will address the monthly meeting of the Men's League, on April 5, on "Some Present-day Reactions.

CRADLE SONGS. The members of the Lend-a-Hand Club, with the assistance of others, are to give a musical entertainment during the latter part of April, consisting of tableaux representing mothers of many nations in costume. The national cradle songs will be sung in connection with the pictures.

NEW HYMN BOOKS. The Executive Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society has undertaken to raise the money for the purchase of two sets of new hymn books for use in the prayer meetings and Sunday school. The books chosen are "In Excelsis for School and Chapel" and "Church Hymns and Gospel Songs." These two books include a wide range of popular and helpful new music. All who appreciate the change are invited to contribute toward the

CONFERENCE. The Middlesex South Conference will hold its spring session with this church on April 17, in the afternoon and evening. The theme of the Conference will be, "The Regeneration of the Country Town." Addresses will be made on the economic, social and religious needs of the country town, by Revs. N. Vander Pyl of Holliston, C. W. Rouse of South Sudbury and C. H. Washburn of Maynard; also by Dr. W. T. Talbot of Holderness, N. 11. There are twenty-one churches in the Conference. The last meeting held in Wellesley was in October, 1800.

THE WEEK BEFORE EASTER will be observed by special services as follows:

Palm Sunday, April 8. "The King of Kings."

7.15 P. M. A musical and responsive service. Monday. "The Preparation for the Passion."

7.45 P. M. A general service. Tuesday. "The Joy of the Passion."

3.00 P. M. A service for women.

7.45 P. M. A service for men.

Wednesday. "God's Presence in the Passion." 7.45 P. M. A general service.

Thursday. "Friends tested by the Passion."

7.45 P. M. Celebration of the Lord's Supper in the Church.

Good Friday. "The Consummation of the Passion." 7.45 P. M. A general service.

REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR Religious Services SUNDAY

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10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School. 6.30 Y. P. S. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

SUNDAY MORNINGS. Rev. Joseph B. Seabury will preach on Sunday morning, April 8.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. April 3, Home Missionary meeting at 3.00 P. M., with Miss Mary C. Bachelder. Subject: "The North American Indian in folk lore and music." April 17, annual business meeting at 3.00 P. M., with Mrs. C. C. Thomas. Afternoon tea.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. Union Consecration service of the Church and Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 P. M. April S. address by Nev. J. B. Seabury. April 15, Easter praise service. April 22, "Christ, the Son of Man," address by the Pastor. April 29. address by an officer of the Salvation Army.

CHURCH BUILDING SOCIETY. Following the interesting address of Secretary Hood, it is proposed that our church agree to raise the necessary amount for paying the last bills on some Western Home Missionary church. The collections on the 11fth Sundays during the year will be devoted to this object, beginning with April 29.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. It has been voted by the school that all contributions above the amount necessary for the expenses for the school shall be devoted to the Church Building Society, either for "the Sunday School church" (builded by gifts from Sunday Schools) or for a church in which all of our own church organizations can unite.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. At the semi-annual business meeting the following officers were chosen: President. Wm. H. Shattuck; Vice-President, Walter C. Wright; Secretary, Miss Mary Hodgkins; Treasurer, Robert Bolles. Chairman of Prayer Meeting Committee. Miss Olive Robson: Lookout Committee, Miss Isabella Fiske; Missionary Committee, Miss Carolyn J. Peck; Music Committee, Miss Helen Lowe; Social Committee, Miss Grace Henry.

BIRTHDAY PARTY. Instead of the usual Easter sale conducted by the ladies, there will be, on Thursday evening, April 19, a "Pirthday Party" at the vestry. Each person attending will be expected to pay on admission a sum equal to the number of his or her years. It is hoped there will be a large proportion of centenarians present. Ice cream and cake for sale. It is expected that there will be for entertainment a portrait gallery of well-known citizens, an observation table and other interesting features. Those who cannot attend are invited to send the appropriate sum to Mrs. E. M. Overholser.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

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REV. JOHN SNYDER, PASTOR.

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service.

MR. SNYDER will preach in the Leominster Unitarian Church on the evening of April 29.

COMMUNION SERVICE at 4.00 P. M., Sunday, April 1, to which all are cordially invited.

MR. SNYDER will give a Smoke Talk before the Maugus Club on Saturday, April 7. Subject not yet announced.

MR. SNYDER will read a paper before the Woman's Alliance of the West Newton Unitarian Church, on Thursday afternoon, April 12.

THE PASTOR expects to exchange with Rev. Mr. Lombard, pastor of the Plymouth Unitarian Church, on Sunday, April 22.

AT THE EASTER SERVICE, April 15, there will be a mixed quartette, and Mr. Jacobs has also consented to sing. Mr. Snyder will speak on the subject of Immortality.

EASTER SERVICES for the Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 15, at 4.00 P. M. The services will be exceptionally interesting. A boy soprano has been engaged to assist in the singing. Let no member of the church be absent.

THE BRANCH ALLIANCE held the usual meeting on March 13. After a somewhat lengthened business session the paper of the afternoon was given by the president, Mrs. Mary Clarke Smith, on "The Value of Women's Organizations in the Church."

ON MARCH 27, Mrs. Lawrence Mayo, of West Newton, read an interesting paper on the Salvation Army, giving an account of the origin of the movement and its present organization. A general talk followed on the same subject. At this meeting the Rev. John Snyder was elected an honorary member of the Alliance with all the privileges of membership.

St. Andrew's Church

Organized, 1891

REV. WILLIAM E. HAYES, RECTOR

Religious Services

10.45 Morning Prayer 12.15 Sunday School.

7.15 Evening Prayer.

Holy Communion
First Sunday in the Month, 10.45 A. M.

Third Sunday, 9.45 A. M. Other Sundays, 7.30 A. M.

WEDNESDAY

3.30 Ministering Children's League.

THURSDAY

2.30 Women's Auxiliary.

SATURDAY

8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. Meetings for April will be as follows: April 6, the Rectory; April 13, Miss Jennings; April 20, Miss Lauderburn; April 27, Mrs. Nye.

OFFERINGS. The offerings for the Wellesley Free Bed in the Newton Hospital amounted to \$110. The Easter offerings will be devoted to the music fund of the church and to missions.

CONFIRMATION. A class for instruction has been formed to meet after morning service on the Sundays following Easter. The Bishop will administer the rite on Sunday, May 20, at the morning service.

UNION SERVICES. The congregation of this church are cordially invited to attend the services during Holy Week at the Congregational Church, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.45 o'clock. The service on Thursday evening will be the Holy Communion.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. Services will be held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 4.45, with brief address on incidents of the Passion. Good Friday there will be services at 10.45 and 7.15. Easter Day, Holy Communion at 7.30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 10.45 A. M. Children's festival at 4.00 P. M.

COMING EVENTS. Several events are planned for the Easter season, but it is too far ahead to announce the dates. The Parish Aid department of the Guild and the Girls' Friendly Society will each have a sale. A parish reception and an afternoon musicale are also contemplated. Definite announcements of these and other events will be made later from the chancel.

THE CHOIR. A quartette choir has been organized consisting of Miss S. B. Hayes, soprano; Miss Ethel W. Osborne, contralto; Mr. W. W. Osborne, tenor; and Mr. George H. Lowe, bass. A new organist has taken the place of Mr. Frank Underwood, who has taken a larger position at Framingham. Rehearsals for the Easter music are in progress. The program so far as arranged will contain Parker's "Te Deum," "Jubilate" and Communion service, and Bruce Steane's "Halllelujah, Christ is Risen." A piano will be introduced to re-enforce the organ.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

EASTER RECESS. Beginning Wednesday afternoon, April 4, the Easter recess will extend to Tuesday, April 17. President Hazard will spend the holidays in Denver, Col.

RECENT LECTURES. The College life has been especially rich in lectures this past month, some subject in line with almost every department of study having been touched upon. Chief among these lectures were one by M. Henri di Régnier, representative of the decadent school of literature, on "The Poets of Today," one by Prof. Waldo S. Pratt, of the Hatt-ford (Ct.) Theological Seminary on "New Ideals in Musical Education," and a recent lecture talk by Prof. Sarah F. Whiting on "Wireless Telegraphy.

INTERESTIÑG ARCHITECTÜRAL Exhibit. There is at present on exhibition in the Farnsworth Art Building a large and notable loan collection of drawings, designs and photographs in great variety, making in all an effective picture of color and form. Sketches of houses or churches here and there in New England, designs for handsome public buildings and for landscape gardening, photographs of hitherto unreached places in old Mexico, pen and ink drawings from foreign churches, and a charming collection of water color pictures painted by President Hazard in California. These are a few of the many distinctive features of an exhibit which has already had a large number of visitors.

ROCKEFELLER'S munificent offer. enthusiasm prevailed throughout the College when President Hazard made the announcement, on March 20, that John D. Rockefeller, the New York capitalist, had offered to give the College \$100,000 as a permanent endowment fund, when the entire amount of the college indebtedness has been raised. At the present time about \$60,000 of the debt, which is \$06,000 has been raised or pledged, and it is the earnest hope that the remaining \$36,000 will be forth-coming before commencement time of the present year, in order to cancel the College debt and to make available Mr. Rockefeller's proffered gift, thereby bringing these two desirable results to a consummation in the year which marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of Wellesley College.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT. By means of elective courses, admirably conducted, the Bible study required of freshmen, sophomores and juniors is made an interesting subject not only to these students but it also commands the attention of seniors who have met the requirement. Four parallel courses are offered to juniors. Of these, the course given for the fifth year by Mr. Drown, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, shows the place it has won for itself by the fact that seventy juniors have elected it. The subject is the historical development of New Testament thought. Another course, new this year, for juniors, is conducted by Prof. Rush Rhees of Newton, and consists of an interpretation of the gospels and epistles of St. John, the work being conducted on the basis of the revised English version, though the use of the Greek is encouraged. These gospels are treated as literary documents - worth the while to understand as thoroughly as possible. Two senior electives, one a course in elementary Hebrew, given this year by Miss Sanderson; the other, the history of Christianity and the Christian church, from the fourth century to the sixteenth, given by Professor Woolley, are also carried in the department.

WELLESLEY HILLS WOMAN'S CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 4, at 2.30 P. M. The entertainment will consist of readings by Mr. Howard Ticknor, the musical critic, and music by Miss Josephine Martin, Contralto, of Newtonville, and Madame Edmond Jandrier, a New York concert pianist of renown.

Mrs. Jeannette Robinson Murphy, who has made a thorough study of the negro folk lore and songs, especially the class of music which the negroes call "spiritooals," and who delineates these stories and songs in a most charming manner, has been engaged by the Woman's Club for April 18.

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There was a man — his type is rare, Thank heaven for that! -- who didn't dare To stand erect with a manly air, And give his opinion, fair and square, But wrote an anonymous letter.

How bold was he "for the truth" to fight! With his shades drawn down, and his door shut tight; He wrote at length, and with all his might, And then stole out in the dead of night To post the anonymous letter.

"What I've written will make a stir!" he said, And complacently smiled as he crept to bed. But he was mistaken; the thing fell dead As last year's leaves on which we tread, For 'twas an anonymous letter.

There is savor enough in a worthy name To add weight to the worth of the truth we claim; If the savor is lacking, there's one to blame Who may well be dun b for very shame, Nor write the anonymous letter.

MARY A. GILLETTE.

A PROTEST

 $Editors\ of\ "Our\ Town":$

Dear Sirs:—I beg to take exception to the editorial in your April number, concerning the acceptance of Mr. Rockefeller's gift to Wellesley College. This style of argument is on a par with the Jesuitical doctrine that the end justifies the means. If a college which stands for what Wellesley does is to take the ground that all money, however dirty, will be acceptable, because good use will be made of it, I think it is high time we called a halt. If your statement is correct, then logically a gift from a brothel keeper or a prize fighter would also be acceptable.

I am not passing judgment on the Standard Oil Company. What I do say is this: That if the opinion held by a large number of intelligent people is the correct one, if this great business has been built up on dishonor and dishonesty, fraud and bribery, crime and corruption, then no church or college can accept any part of the plunder and retain its self-respect or the respect of the community.

This great trust has not built up its business in secret. The court records and the evidence of reliable witnesses are accessible to all. If, on examination, the College finds that the public sentiment is wrong, then it can help right it. If public sentiment is right, it can not afford to outrage it by any such casuistry as your argument.

It is related of Daniel O'Connell that at one time, when pleading for funds for the cause of Ireland, he received a cheek from a prominent slave-owner in America. wrote back, saying: "God knows we need money bad enough, but we cannot take it out of the sweat and blood of our brothers in bondage," and he returned the check.

Townsman.

THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY AND EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION

XEMPTIONS from taxation in Massachusetts are matters of statute law. The Constitution provides that Harvard College shall enjoy the exemption granted in its charter from the Colony, viz., the right to hold all personal property, and real estate to the value of five hundred pounds per annum, free of taxes; but exemptions as a whole are by a general act of the Legislature. The Constitution enjoins upon the people and its representatives the protecting and cherishing of seminaries of learning, but leaves the degree and manner in which they are to be encouraged or helped wholly to the will of the people.

Several times the Legislature has aided colleges by direct gifts. The first was in 1636, when the General Court appropriated four hundred pounds towards a college, which the next session voted should be at Newtowne, and on which foundation rose Harvard College. This not only was the first gift in this country, but is said to be the first instance in the world's history when representatives of the people gave public funds to an educational institution.

For thirty or more years our public aid to colleges has been confined to exemption from taxes.

In this State an incorporated educational body, which divides no gains among its memOUR TOWN

bers, pays no general taxes. It pays, however, special assessments and betterments for sewers, streets, sidewalks and parks; except that in Boston, under a special act of 1890, when an exempted institution asks to have a sewer tax suspended, the sewer commissioners shall suspend payment of such tax so long as the taxed property is exempted from general taxes. The sewer tax is a lien, but not payable until the estate on which it is levied is no longer held by the exempted institution, or used for the purposes which entitle it to exemption.

The municipality in which exempted property is situated bears the whole exemption, except it pays no state tax on the exempted property. Our State tax is less than five per

cent. of our tax receipts.

In nearly all the states, educational property is exempted by law with varying details of application. In Maine, a college pays its tax to the town, and the State from the public funds pays to the college the amount of the tax it has paid to the town; that is, the people, whose representatives make the exemption, pay for it. In California, however, at the other end of our land, neither churches nor educational institutions, except exclusively public schools, are exempted.

Wellesley College, when incorporated in 1870, had a right to hold \$600,000 worth of real and personal property. In 1884, as a result of an agreement between the town and the college, the Legislature increased this amount from \$600,000 to \$5,000,000, but restricted the land which could be exempted to that then owned by the college, with the exception of the Webber estate, when it should come into its possession.

The Webber estate is that occupied by Mrs. Durant, and contains about eleven acres. In the college yard are about two hundred acres. The college owns fifty acres north of the railroad on Blossom street, and about seventy between Washington street and the Charles river. It also owns property not exempted, consisting of Dana Hall and about thirty acres on Grove and Dover streets, valued by the assessors at \$53,000, on which it paid last year a tax of \$579.

The valuation of taxable property in Wellesley, real and personal, as returned by the assessors, including corporation and bank stocks at their taxable value to the State, is \$9,882,241. The total value of exempted property is \$1,917,821. Of this \$1,634,223 is the college property, of which \$1,222,100

is real estate.

We raise by general levy \$98,000, to which is added \$18,000 received from bank and corporation stocks. At the rate of \$11, if all the college property were taxed, the town would receive from it \$18,000.

If this exempted real estate, part of which is outside the yard, and not used for educational purposes, paid a tax, our rate would be \$9.65 on the thousand instead of \$11, and I think it may be fairly said that the town contributes each year toward the maintenance of the institution, \$12,000.

The question for our town is: Is this a proper system, and is it just and fair to the State and to us?

Wellesley never has approached this exemption in a nagging spirit, and it is to be hoped, never will. We are glad to have such an institution in our town, just as we are glad we live in this State of education and colleges, a Commonwealth of whose past we are proud, whose present we help make, in whose future we devontly hope.

JOHN D. HARDY.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

THE ten women who represented the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club at the Federation meeting, at Newburyport, were not pessimists. It is to be feared there were none there. The lessons taught in regard to "arts and crafts and village industries" would have been antidotes to that disease.

In modern times, machinery and subdivision of labor have separated hand and brain and artistic instinct. How to reintroduce the arts and the erafts to each other was the theme of the day. By way of illustration the recent founding of certain village industries, carried on in the homes of the people, was described and the products displayed. Two of these were of especial interest: the Abnakee rugs, made near Chocorna, N. H., and the blue and white needlework of Deerfield.

The rugs are an evolution from the old drawn-in rugs, with their coarse threads and hideous pink roses. Mrs. Albee, a summer resident, with much courage and patience, has induced the women to use good wool, dyed with their own vegetable dyes and worked in designs based upon old Indian patterns. The rugs look like oriental rugs, with a new charm of quaintness and without the dirt.

The Deerfield work is not an evolution but a restoration. The women of that region were famous a century ago for a certain type of embroidery in the quaint designs "produced by the action of the New England conscience on the oriental designs introduced by the commerce of those days."

After the War of 1812, a sudden craze for French embroideries swept away the old work; machinery came, and the Deerfield woman of today had not learned the earlier

Another summer resident, Miss Whiting, has gathered in old specimens of this work, caused new designs to be made from them, and founded classes in the industry, which also includes expert dyeing. The quaint old names are kept: "Summer Blossom," "Prudence's Pink," etc., for "names have a market value."

These are real industries and not philanthropies in any financial sense. But the keenest delight of the day was the witnessing of a spirit of service, a spirit which is more wide-spread and which finds more outlets than ever before. The absence of cant was marked. There is a social cant which is as bad as the religious, and the disappearance of that is the highest proof of progress.

MARGARET C. FARWELL.

THE PRESIDENTS AT COLLEGE WELLESLEY CLUB

ADIES' Night is confessedly the pleasantest occasion of the year for the Wellesley Club. The sparkling eyes and interested faces of our guests, the rich and varying colors with which the wiser sex array themselves, are a welcome change, after months of rather solemn functions and repeated visions of tables lined with dreary columns of black and white. And Ladies' Night this year was no exception. attendance was rather larger than usual, and the great banqueting room was taxed to its utmost capacity.

President Fiske welcomed the guests of the evening with his usual abundant supply of humor and courtesy. The special guests were Prof. Mary E. Woolley, of Wellesley College, president-elect of Mt. Holyoke College; President Eliot of Harvard University, and Mr. Alpheus Hardy, Treasurer of Wellesley College.

The subject for the literary exercises of the evening was one in which every intelligent person is interested, and one which is just now attracting especial attention, "The

Taxation of College Property."

Professor Woolley did not speak upon this question, but in response to the invitation of President Fiske brought the greetings of Wellesley College. She voiced the desire of the College to share in the life of the community. "The cloister life is not the normal life," she said, "and those in the college need on their own account to enter into the life of the households, the business, and the society about them. The community also can be helped by the college." Such utterances as these were very gladly received by the citizens, who hope that they betoken in fact a better mutual understanding in the future and more co-operation than has existed in the past.

The argument in behalf of the town on the matter of taxation was then presented very ably by the Vice-President of the Club, Mr. John D. Hardy. As it is given more fully elsewhere in our columns, we only allude to it here. Then came the event of the evening in the address of President Eliot. The Club realizes the honor of having the first public utterance which he has given on this subject, by one who has no superior among the college presidents of our land, who is always listened to with interest, and who has studied this sabject not only in our own land but also in other lands.

He emphasized the fact that colleges are not exempt from all public charges. They bear their share of betterment and sewer taxes, and pay taxes upon all investment in real estate. On other property they should not be taxed, because colleges are not moneymaking institutions. It is the annual production of a thing which is, or should be, the basis of taxation. But the college has nothing to sell. It gives to its students far more than they pay to it in tuition fees. It is purely an hypothesis that if a college did not exist on certain land that land would bring to the town taxes which it now loses. No one can possibly tell what would be the total result to a college town if no college were there. It is not the opinion of the towns of the state that a certain town loses by the fact that a college is located within its bor-No legislature in Massachusetts could be induced to levy upon the State a tax for

the benefit of a town in which a college exists. The presence of a college is not a burden but a boon to a community.

Moreover, the colleges of our State are endowed institutions, and it would be a severe blow to these endowments if they were taxed, as well as an ungrateful treatment of these splendid gifts to the common welfare. It would seriously affect the possibility of future endowments.

This and much more was convincingly presented by President Eliot, and it was evident that the audience which he addressed was in sympathy with his position.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

THE SOCIAL NEED OF A COUNTRY TOWN

THERE can be no question that the country town or village has its problems. The matter has become notorious. Even the natives of the village recognize the deficiencies of rural life, or at least suspect that they are not enjoying the full mead of civilization's goods. The problem of course touches all phases of country life -economic, social, religious. I have been asked to speak of the social need. On the one side it trenches on the business side; on the other. it touches close, if it does not overlap, the moral, not to say the religious question. This problem, in brief, is to discover the lack in the social life of our small communities, suggest the remedy, and indicate the method of its realization.

At once we think of the young man—the boy-man, between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five years. He is the country problem. He is our perplexity, not to say menace. He leaves school when only fourteen or fifteen years old. He has of course only the foundation of an education, and often a poorly cemented one at that. He at once goes to work —for he is not lazy —either upon—the—farm or, preferably, in the shop; his evenings are his only unoccupied time. He does not care to stay at home, having no interest in books and being possessed by the gregarious instinct of youth. He wants to go somewhere or do something. Unfortunately, the young women of his own social station, and his boy companions' sisters, do not attract him. If he seeks girls' society, it is the company of those who will permit liberties that should not be accorded to any and every man, to say the least. But the most of his evenings will be spent with companions likeminded. funny and suggestive story is told, practical jokes tinged with eruelty are played, the aimless loafing finally becomes irksome, and where loafing ends gambling begins. There is only one time when these youths are quite happy. It is during the long summer even-

ings when they play ball.

How remedy this condition of affairs? If we wish to cure the boy, and not merely ocenny his leisure, we must have a different kind of boy. He must be trained in the home, not turned out to pasture like a colt. The training must have in view not chiefly dollar-getting but honorable and useful manhood. He must be better educated, kept at school at least as long as his sisters. When he has been thus prepared for bread-winning and a young man's leisure, the greatest need of these young men—the need of action must be provided for. He cannot play ball in the winter; then you give him the gymnasium and bowling alley and swimming pool and game room, where his splendid vitality may harmlessly—yes, healthfully expend itself.

Of course the young man is not the sole inhabitant of the country; there are others, fortunately. But if the boy is to be properly eared for, his parents in the home must be ministered unto. Their need is not of Their necessary work exhausts the action. It is not of frivolous amusement, The country mind is serious. Rural folk do not even require to get together oftener; they meet frequently enough. What they do need is more to share intellectually when they are in one another's company. In the country, life is dull and monotonous to most. The people have books and magazines, but these are non-conductors of the very life they chronicle. We in the country need mental stimulus, fertilization. The farmer's mind has power, as has his wife's; it needs ideas to brood upon; it should be switched off from the usual and routine. What the families who dwell on our hillsides and in our valleys supremely need is the stimulation of living thought and abounding personalities.

How shall this be provided? No one agency will suffice. It will do good to send the children away to school. As they return from vacations, and after the completion of their course, they will prove themselves reformers, regenerators, because credible

reporters of a more generous life than the country knows. Practice of the forgotten, or abandoned, art of hospitality will avail somewhat. An annual vacation—if it last but for a few days—and travel will also

work their spell.

ing with all malice.

Pre-eminently, it seems to me, the social need of a country town is for a high-grade lecture course every winter; a platform from which travelled and cultivated gentlemen and scholars shall tell of what they have seen (and *show* it, too), of whom they have met, and of the results of their research and reflection in science, letters, philosophy and politics.

If, then, the need of the country town is only of a gymnasium and a lecture course, why doesn't the country town obtain both? Partly because of its conservatism of temper, but chiefly because of its poverty. Philanthropy must have a hand in the work. We must suggest means of bringing the country's concentrated wealth to the relief of its diffused poverty. Any instrument to prove effective must have the confidence of the country people, or be able speedily to acquire it; must be comparatively economical, or at least able to secure the needed money; and, most important of all, must give bonds to subserve moral ends; that is to promote fineness and soundness of character. The Y. M. C. A. does not seem to be successful in the small towns, is expensive and is not popular. The social settlement is simply impossible. The reasons are too many to state. At least it would introduce all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor and rail-

I can see nothing so promiseful of good and efficiency as an endowed church home. The building might be modest, the apparatus inexpensive and purchased gradually, the lectures at first fewer than desirable. Yet a beginning would be made. The church has supremely the confidence of the community, and since it has always ministered somewhat to the social craving, this departure—rather development of its activity-would not endanger its position. It can get money, as a rule, more easily in the community than any other institution. Our country churches are constantly in receipt of legacies for endowments and other purposes. It would need less money to do this work than any other agency. In most cases the church owns land upon which an additional building could be erected. It would not need to spend money on additional salaries, as the clergy would be willing both to qualify themselves for this work and to do the work afterwards. The church, as no other organization, could secure unpaid volunteer assistance, so far as that should be required. In many cases, also, the church could make better terms with lecturers, singers and entertainers.

And who can doubt that enthusiasm for amusement and culture would be wisely guided by a deeper and inclusive enthusiasm for the things that are true and pure and of good report.

CLARENCE W. ROUSE.

A YANKEE IN CAVITE

[Roscoe Buck, the writer of the following letter, is a Wellesley Farms boy, who enlisted as U. S. Marine on May 14, 1898. His first service was on the gunboat "Machias," doing blockade duty, and running between Key West and Siboney. At the end of eleven months his term of service expired, but he re-enlisted and went with the 1st Regt. of Marines to Cavite, where he has been stationed since Sept. 20, 1899. The following letter gives his impressions during February of this year.

Cavite Naval Station, Feb. 9, 1900. Thermometer 98°.

2nd reached me on the sixth of this month, just as I was returning from an exploring hyke (march). When we left in the morning we knew that there would be mail at night, and we did our best to make the day pass quickly. We get, on an average, one mail a week, and I am writing more letters now than I ever wrote before in all my life.

Since Dec. 8, 1899, we have been in the Navy Yard doing nothing but garrison duty, and it seems pretty dull compared to the lively life we led for nearly three months on the firing line.

I think now that all hostilities will have ceased by May, if not April, for the entire insurgent army is broken up and now roams about in the mountains in small bands.

The papers talk as if Aguinaldo were giving in, for he sees, they say, that his cause is hopeless. Another thing which greatly aids in putting down the rebellion is this: When Aguinaldo came here from Hong Kong to take charge of the insurgents and co-operate with Dewey, the lower class of people, which made the ranks of his army, fairly worshipped him as a god. They had images of his head made in ivory, about as

big as your fist. I have one that I took from an insurgent at Caloocan. They carried them into battle, thinking they would be safe from American bullets. But since he eaused Luna to be assassinated they begin to see that he is a cruel and unscrupulous man. Nearly all of the lower class, today, would ask for nothing better than his death. Of course his commissioned staff, who are the nobility of the island, are anxious to see Aguinaldo win; not from patriotism, but from the power and wealth that they would gain.

The other day I went over to Agninaldo's early home and birthplace, where his mother and a few old women of the nobility are still living, begging money from every American soldier who visits the house. In the main room there is an altar of marble and ivory, with all necessary statuary. The floor is polished so you can see your face in it, and the house looks like a palace inside and like a barn on the outside. The outside is covered with banana leaves. The house stands in a very pretty place on the banks of the Caloocan river in "Old Cavite," right across the bay from Cavite. The largest banana orchard is back of the house and is a part of his large Nothing can be taken away for relics. If it were not for this order, and the sentry who enforces it, the house would be torn to pieces in a week.

We have no chaplain in our branch of the service, unless we are aboard a ship or in a post. This regiment in Cavite is the first of marines that was ever formed in the United States. We are not supposed to do the land duty that we have been doing for the past five months, but to hold and guard what the

navy captures.

There is a Y. M. C. A. here in Cavite, and quite a number of our boys belong to it. About once a month they receive a large box of reading and writing material. Anything will grow here, at least every thing I ever saw growing in Massachusetts seems to be here, and the best of it is that you get three crops a year. We have the finest watermelons I ever saw or tasted, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, sweet corn and all that you can raise in a garden in the States. The heat here is something terrible, but the climate agrees with me for I never felt better in my life. I hope you are all having as good a time as I am and enjoying as good health.

ROSCOE BUCK.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

RECENT HAPPENINGS. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton College, preached here on Sunday, April 29. Professor Josiah Royce, from Harvard University, has given three of a series of six lectures arranged for the spring term, on "Applications and Consequences of an Idealistic Philosophy." The Freshmen have recently elected President Hazard as honorary member of their class - 1903.

COMING EVENTS. A dramatic entertainment, in aid of the endowment fund, will be given by the Class of '96 at Dana Hall, on the evening of May 7. Dr. John Fiske, who was expected to lecture at the College several times this month, will give but one lecture now, the others in the autumn. Dean Hodges, of the Cambridge Episcopal Theological School, will preach in the College chapel, May 20, and President Hyde, of Bowdoin College, May 27.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM. Already the Seniors have announced their program for commencement week. The class supper will take place Thursday evening, June 21. Friday evening, June 22, is set apart for the Senior play; Saturday afternoon for the Glee Club concert, with teas, given by groups of Seniors, and Saturday evening for the President's reception. June 23 will be Baccalaureate Sunday. On the Monday afternoon following, a lawn party will be given in honor of Miss Gould, and the Commencement concert is appointed for that evening. Tuesday, June 26, will be Commencement Day, concluding with the usual reception in the evening.

ACADEMIC CHANGES. In view of the present concerted effort to free the College from debt, the Trustees have counselled an abridgement of expenditure for the coming year, and President Hazard has stated that she is unwilling to ask the departments to retrench, without herself undertaking to economize. She has therefore resolve 1 to bring the work of the Dean into her own office. Prof. Katharine Coman, who has carried only partial work this year in her department, in order to perform the duties of Dean, is thus released from executive cares. At the meeting in which this plan was adopted, the Trustees passed a vote of appreciation of the Dean's work for the past year, and expressed their gratification that Professor Coman was now at liberty to return to her academic interests, especially to the development of the department of economics. As Dean, Professor Coman has had charge of the academic life of the students. Such work gives opportunity to meet the students at the point whereinfluence may most effectively be brought to bear, and, as any lapse in conduct must leave its trace on the class record, to control and protect the student, especially in the first critical year of college novelty and freedom, in a way far more helpful than formal discipline. At a recent meeting, the Academic Council expressed its appreciation of the devoted service of the Dean, "acknowledging with gratitude the wisdom and nobility of her plans, and the efficiency with which she has fulfilled them." The departments of history and economics. The departments of history and economics. united for a number of years, will henceforth be divided, Miss Elizabeth K. Kendall taking charge of the department of history, and Professor Coman retaining the subject of economics. The new department of economics and sociology proposes two new courses, one in sociology and one in public finance.

Wellesley Congregational Church

Organized, Sept. 6, 1798 — Incorporated, Feb. 16, 1891

REV. EDWARD H. CHANDLER, PASTOR

Religious Services

SUNDAY

10.30 Morning Worship.

12.00 Sunday School and Bible Classes.

0.15 Senior C. E. Society.

7.15 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Woman's Union.

THURSDAY

4.00 Junior C. E. Society.

FRIDAY

7.45 Mid-week Service.

A. M. A. The annual offering to the American Missionary Association will be made on Sunday, May 27.

THE PASTOR spent the last week of April attending the Economical Conference on Missions, held in New York, and visiting friends.

1ND1A. "What a Century Has Wrought for Women in India," will be the topic of the Woman's Union meeting of May 15.

NEW MEMBERS. Miss Annie Johnson, Miss Edich Jeannette Benson and Mr. Arthur Wilhelm Benson will be received into the membership of the church, on Sunday morning, May 6.

FAMINE FUND. About \$125 has so far been contributed by this Church and Sunday School for the relief of famine sufferers in India. The need continues and the Pastor will gladly forward further offerings at any time.

LADIES' NIGHT was observed by the Men's League, on May 3. Music and light refreshments aided the social success of the evening. About forty members are now enrolled in the League. The five committees are all actively at work and an increasing interest is apparent. The first annual meeting of the League will be held June 7.

CRADLE SONGS. A unique and interesting entertainment will be given in the Chapel on Monday evening, May 14, at 7.45 o'clock, to raise the amount of the annual pledge, made by the Woman's Union, for the support of Whitman College. Mothers of many different nations are to be represented in costume, as if singing their national cradle songs. As each tableau is presented the appropriate song will be sung. Other music will be interspersed, making a most enjoyable program. The participants are for the most part members of the Lend-a-Hand Club. Tickets are twenty-five cents.

TOPICS. The topics of the Friday evening meetings to be hald during the next four weeks will be as follows: May 11, "The Sufficiency and Insufficiency of Faith." May 18, "The Lessons of Spiritual Failure." May 25, "Christ's Way with the Hopeless." Inne 1, "The Glory of Heroic Service." The topics of the young people's meetings during May will be: May 6, "God Our Helper in Battling for the Right." May 13, "O Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord"—a musical service. May 20, "The Progress of the Kingdom"—a missionary service. May 27, "The Character of St. Peter."

first Congregational Church in Udellesley Hills

Organized, February 24, 1847 REV. PARRIS THAXTER FARWELL, PASTOR Religious Services

SHNDAY

10.45 Morning Service.

12.00 Sunday School.

6.30 Y. P. Š. C. E.

7.30 Evening Worship.

TUESDAY

3.00 Women's meetings.

FRIDAY

7.45 Prayer and Conference meeting.

STATE ASSOCIATION. The annual meeting of the State Association of Congregational Churches is to be held in Amherst from May 15 to 17, inclusive.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. May 6, the communion service. May 13, topic "The Religious Progress of the 19th Century." May 20, the Pastor exchanges with Rev. Edward E. Bradley, of Lincoln. May 27, "The Signs of the Times in Present Conditions."

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. May 6, the consecration meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society. A union meeting to which all are invited. May 13, a praise service. May 20, preaching service, by Rev. E. E. Bradley. May 27, missionary concert, in charge of Mr. Joseph E. Peabody.

LOAN EXHITIT. The young ladies of the church propose having a loan exhibit of old-fashioned and rare relics and curios, at the vestry of the church, probably during the third week of May. Contributions for this exhibit are solicited from any friends. Names of contributors and lists of articles may be sent to Miss Eilen Ware biske, or Mrs. E. M. Overholser, or Miss Mary N. Edwards.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. May 11, "The Sufficiency and Insufficiency of Faith.' The leader is Mr. Will Shattuck, the President of the Y. P. S. C. E., and Christian Endeavorers are especially invited to be present and participate in the meeting. May 18, "The Lessons of Spiritual Failure." Leader, Mr. J. K. Richardson. May 25, "Christ's Way with the Hopeless." Leader, Mr. C. C. Thomas; another Christian Endeavor meeting, June 1, "The Glory of Heroic Service." Leader, Mr. Fletcher Torrey. It is hoped that the attendance during the beautiful month of May will be an increase over the preceding months.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. The Society voted at its meeting, on April 29, to devote the next \$15 from its missionary treasury to the support of the heroic work of Rev. Loyal L. Wirt in Alaska. Let the responses to the missionary committee of the Society be prompt and generous. Topics for the month: May 6, (consecration meeting) "How Christians Grow." May 13, "Vision and Service." May 20, "The Power of a Temperate Life." May 27, "Have Patience." The Society urgently invites the attendance at its meetings of those who are not its members.

Wellesley Wills Unitarian Society

Organized, 1871

REV. JOHN SNVDER, Pastor.

Religious Services

10.45 Morning Service. 12.00 Sunday School.

SATURDAY

9.00 Junior Branch Alliance.

TUESDAY

Woman's Alliance, every second and fourth Tuesday.

Communion Service on the first Sundays of Jan., Apr., July, Oct., immediately after morning service-

THE QUARTERLY communion service was held at 4.00 P. M. the first Sunday in April.

EASTER SERVICES were held both morning and afternoon. The second service, at four o'clock, was in the hands of the children.

REV. CHAS. P. LOMBARD, of Plymouth, preached in the Unitarian Church, April 22nd, in exchange with the Pastor.

SOME of the young people of the church are enrolled in the jubilee chorus choir, which will sing at the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the American Unitarian Association.

THE JUNIOR ALLIANCE held its annual sale and entertainment on April 28. May baskets in profusion, candy and fancy articles realized a goodly sum for this wide-awake society of young people.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE has nominated Mrs. Annie Spencer and Mr. Nelson Crosskill as delegates to the annual meeting of the American Unitarian Association.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE entertained the School last week; the primary department on Wednesday afternoon, April 18, the other pupils on Saturday evening, April 22. Entertaining games with abundant refreshments made both events very delightful.

BRANCH ALLIANCE. On April 10, Mrs. Judith N. Andrews, of Boston, addressed the Alliance Branch of the Unitarian Church on "Child Widows of India," with especial reference to the educational and rescue work of Pundita Ramabai. The annual meeting was held on April 24. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Calvin W. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. Anna B. Park; Secretary, Mrs. George A. Purdie; Treasurer, Mrs. John D. Hardy.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the church was held April 17. At a meeting of the Standing Committee, subsequently held, the following persons were elected to the various working committees: Finance Committee, Mr. Isaac Sprague, Mr. Schuylei Bartlett, Mr. John A. Hunneman. Hospitality Committee, Mr. C. A. Bunker, Mrs. O. C. Livermore, Mrs. Edward Lawrence. Administration Committee, Mr. H. G. Hyde, Mr. O. C. Livermore, Mrs. John D. Hardy. Music Committee, Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, Mrs. Arthur L. Jacobs, Mr. Geo. P. Ager. Sunday School Committee, Mr. G. E. Richardson, Mrs. Mary H. Bunker, Miss Lucy Osgood. Decoration Committee, Miss Hannah Eaton, Miss Alice De Silva, Mr. Roger Baldwin.

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8.00 Girl's Friendly Society.

EASTER OFFERINGS. The Easter offerings amounted to fifty dollars for parochial expenses and twenty-five dollars for missions.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. During the winter the Auxiliary has made about fifty garments, which will be sent to the Episcopal City Mission, Boston. Meetings are suspended until the fall.

AN AFTERNOON MUSICALE is being planned for Tuesday afternoon, May 22, at the rectory. The principal performers will be Miss Helen Sawyer, of Bridgewater, a child pianist of remarkable ability, and Mr. Franklin L. Wood, of Waban, whose fine baritone voice has been heard here recently. The proceeds from the musicale will be used for the music fund of the church.

CONFIRMATION. The Bishop of the diocese will visit the parish to administer the rite of confirmation on Sunday morning, May 20. A class of seven will be presented. As the congregation on this occasion will more than tax the capacity of the chapel, regular parishioners are advised to be in their seats before half-past ten. They will be admitted through the guild-room door. After half-past ten, the front doors will be opened to all.

ARCHDEACONRY of New Bedford. As this parish belongs to the archdeaconry of New Bedford, an assessment of \$36 is made annually for the support of missions within the archdeaconry. The present archdeacon is the Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, of Hyde Park, who is expected to be present on Sunday morning, May 27, to speak on the subject of diocesan missions. The regular offering for missions will be held on Whitsunday, June 3.

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY. Miss Helen A. Merrill, of the College faculty, gave a talk recently before this Society on "Moody's Life and Work." The annual service of the Massachusetts diocesan organization will be held in Trinity Church, Boston, on Tuesday evening, May 15, with a sermon by Rev. C. H. Brent, of St. Stephen's church. Preceding the service, the annual tea will be given in Mechanics' building. There is usually an attendance of between three and four thousand members and associates of the Girls' Friendly Society from all over the State on these occasions. Wellesley will send several representatives this year, and for the first time will have a banner in the procession.

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EDITORIAL

TOUSEKEEPERS having green servants who understand English imperfectly and are ignorant of American ways are respectfully warned against certain book agents who impose on these servants, bulldozing them into buying huge \$12 Bibles. They induce their victim to sign her name to a document of whose purport she knows nothing and then to hand over a dollar for the first instalment. When she learns what she has done, there is no redress because she has signed her name. If she refuses to carry out her part of the contract, the book is taken away and she gets nothing for her dollar. A word with the servant beforehand, urging her not to sign her name to anything without first consulting her mistress, will prevent her from being victimized in this way.

THE Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts has placed itself on record as being the first diocese to make honorable provision for the support of clergymen who have grown old in the service of the church. The canon that was passed almost unanimously, provides "that any clergyman who

has served 25 years continuously in this diocese and has reached the age of 65 years, may be retired, if he so elects, on an allowance of \$500 a year, the money to be raised by a pro rata assessment on every parish in union with the convention." The recommendation of this canon was presented by the Rev. Philo W. Sprague of Charlestown, "in one of the ablest and most touching speeches made before the Convention in a long time." When it is remembered that the Christian minister presumably enters his profession with a higher object than the making of money, it is a pitiful sight to see him in his old age dependent on charity which is generally precarious and not always cheerfully dispensed. A retiring allowance, on the other hand, is not a charity, but a just recognition of unselfish service. To be sure, there are other men in other walks of life who deserve the same recognition and do not get it. The minister ought to take his chances with the rest, it may be said. And yet, when there is a wrong to be righted, a beginning has to be made somewhere. The soldiers in our army and many teachers in our colleges and universities are already provided for in respect to the future. We hope the time is not far distant when every man who has earned the right to retire from active service may do so in an honorable way.

THE ROCKEFELLER GIFT

THE acceptance of money from Mr. Rockefeller would not, in my judgment, commit Wellesley College to the policy denounced in the "Protest" printed in the last number of Our Town.

"Townsman" is probably not aware that there is recent evidence in regard to the Standard Oil Company that goes far to disprove the assertions of "Wealth versus Commonwealth." The Industrial Commission has this winter conducted a careful investigation into the methods of the most important trusts. In the report just issued the evidence submitted by a long series of witnesses is published in full, but the introductory summing up is perhaps all that the average inquirer would undertake to read. It is written by the official expert, Professor J. W. Jenks of Cornell University, but represents the judgment of the Commission. The conclusion in respect to the Standard Oil are so favorable that Professor Jenks anticipates being charged with having received hush money.

KATHARINE COMAN.

A NEW CLUB NEEDED

WRITER in the last unmber of Our Town suggests "a church home" as the best means of quickening the social life of a country town. I am not quite sure that I understand what he means by a "church home" but I venture to say that to the unchurched it can hardly suggest the most agreeable associations. Deplore it as we may we must face the fact that a great many people, respectable and otherwise, will not connect themselves with our churches. Why should we not acknowledge that the churches are probably as much to blame for this state of affairs as the people? Individual churches, here and there, may be living up to the spirit of Christ, but they have to share the reproach which the unchristian churches with their strife and narrowness are casting upon them. This being the case, a "church home" does not meet the exigency. Important as it is, in its place as an adjunct to the church, increasing its power in the community, in the present divided state of Christendom, its range is necessarily limited and its disinterestedness is questioned. Its primary object is not to promote sociability but to build up a certain denomination. More members are needed to keep the institution affoat, and the "church home" is a disguised bait for that purpose. This is not true of churches, of course, but it is true of so many that it is of little use to disclaim the "soft impeachment."

The uncharched will not believe that the real purpose of a "church home" is the saving of men. It is the saving of a denomination. Under the circumstances, something else must be devised as the means of beinging people together in a country town. The Y. M. C. A. and the "Settlement" will not do because the people do not regard themselves as subjects for philanthropic ministrations.

It seems as if the only thing left were a general club house organized on a liberal basis under the control of a board of trustees, composed of representative and reliable men without regard to religious preferences. Such a club might charge a

small fee for certain privileges, such as entertainments and lectures, but the house as a whole should be open to all comers. No one should be excluded who behaves himself. He should be made to feel that the house is public property. He has a share in its ownership. It is however to use not to abuse. With something like this to supplement other social gatherings which are more or less limited and exclusive, always leaving out the very ones who need the refining and broadening influences which come from associations with refined and cultivated people, it would seem as if the social problem of the country town might be lightened if not solved. Perhaps all this may sound somewhat academic and impracticable. I throw it out merely as a suggestion. If anyone has anything better to offer let him bring it forward.

WILLIAM E. HAYES.

MANUAL TRAINING IN MASSACHU-SETTS

(Report of the Committee appointed by the Woman's Club)

THIS committee was asked to look into the advisability of introducing manual training into our public schools. After conscientiously studying the matter by the light of the best modern educational experience, we reported, last year, that it was not only advisable to introduce manual training into the schools, but imperative, if we as a community would be abreast of the times.

We endeavored to enlighten those who were unacquainted with the modern ideas of educational values, by giving extracts from the conclusions of the great educators of the country, which are in a word, that manual training is an essential factor in the proper development of the child mind.

Having been met by the statement, that towns that had adopted manual training were giving it up, your committee took from the report of the State Board of Education for 1894, the list of all towns and cities having manual training—all cities of twenty thousand inhabitants being obliged by the law of the Commonwealth to provide such schools—sent a circular to the superintendents of schools in these towns, and a directed postal card on which to reply to the following questions:

- 1. Do you still teach manual training in your schools?
 - 2. In what grades?

3. Is it required or optional?

4. Does it affect advantageously the

general work of the pupils?

The first question was answered without exception, "Yes, manual training is still taught in our schools." In no case on record has manual training been given up in this state.

The answers to the second and third questions varied. Some towns began in the the 5th grade and carried it all through and into the High; others began in the 7th and 8th grades, the average being the 7th, but all continuing into the High Schools.

In some places it is required and some optional, but the majority require it. In towns where it is optional the classes are

very large.

Nearly all the superintendents agreed that manual training affected the general work of the pupils advantageously. The few who did not said, as it was required in their schools, they had no pupils to compare with and could not say, but were satisfied that it was of the greatest benefit to the pupils.

One superintendent said it was optional in his schools, and without exception those who took it were ahead in all their other studies of those who did not, although two hours in a week were taken from the regular

work.

Another says: "It has proved very effective as a means of awakening, training, and developing powers or faculties not before known to exist, besides giving an impetus to the academic training of the boys."

Another says: "Manual training acts in every respect advantageously, although in some grades only two hours a week are given

to the work."

Another: "It gives a power of executing with the hand the ideas of the brain in a way that no other work does. The power to do is certainly a necessary acquisition for every child as well as the acquisition of knowledge."

Another: "As the best means yet discovered for developing a reserved intellectual power, manual training has won its place in all the best school systems in the

country."

There is not one word from any school, and we have heard substantially from them

all, to support the claim that if we introduced this training into our schools, the standard of the other studies would be lowered. In fact, precisely the opposite condition is found to prevail without a single exception.

In answer to the oft repeated remark, that our school are good enough as they are, let us say, good is not *best*, and the best is not too much to ask for our children.

The other objection, brought by a few, as to the expense entailed by making the schools really first-class and up to date, cannot be taken seriously. Even the least enlightened farmer recognizes the necessity and the economy of giving the best fodder to the young cattle, and are not these children of more value?

THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY AND EXEMPTIONS FROM TAXATION

II.

NE principle on which free government does and must forever rest is that everyone shall share alike, in proportion to his means, in the expenses of government. When you pay less than your just proportion, I pay more, and am deprived of a part of the freedom which has been won for me, and which I must defend and maintain.

Taxing only with the consent of the taxed, and distributing the tax burden with absolute equality always has been a battle cry in the fight for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On any exemption from this common obligation rests a

strong burden of proof.

An individual who disapproves of churches may object to contributing to their taxes, but the exemption on a church falls on the town it serves, and is, as it should be, made up wholly by the community to whose advantage the church contributes. This is not true of a college. It is not for the town in which it may be placed, but for the whole people. Of the 688 pupils in Wellesley College, but 16, or 2½ per cent of the whole number, are residents of Wellesley.

It would be difficult to show that Wellesley College is especially a benefit to Wellesley. Temperate thinkers find arguments on both sides of the question of advantage to

the town.

It certainly is true that the best growth of the town is not in the section in which the college is situated, and is due to causes into which the college in no way enters.

But suppose the college were a material benefit, the principle on which taxation rests denies the offsetting of taxation by benefits. Some towns think factories a benefit; surely some individuals are. Under the theory that benefits offset taxes, the whole tax levy will be paid only by property or persons of no benefit to the community, or by a graduated scale of benefits conferred, fixed by an omniscient board of assessors.

Sometimes it is said of a country college that if it were not there, little except the land it uses would pay taxes, surrounding property would be less valuable, that every town is eager to welcome a college, and none wants one removed. We want our college to stay and prosper, and we want to do whatever is our share tow-

ard maintaining it.

No one can tell what would stand on its site had its generous founder turned No land in town is more elsewhere. attractive, little as desirable, but to conjecture is idle. Our assessors cannot levy taxes on theories of what might have been, or what we should like to be. They can recognize neither special corporate needs, nor individual eccentricities. The few people on the opposite side of the lake who pay into the town treasury each year more than \$35,000 do not ask to be relieved from their taxes on the ground that if they did not live there someone of much less ability to pay probably would. The assessors must put property on their rolls as they find it. Their duties are not matters of speculation, but of

Unquestionably it will be admitted that colleges should receive no public aid unless they make men better citizens. To their eredit they wish to open wide their doors to every ambitious, worthy boy, but in the nature of things, but few can enter, and most of those who do can pay their bills while there. I am not unmindful that no student pays what it costs our colleges to educate him. The State has no right to take money from my pocket simply to acquaint you with polite literature. The constitution of Massachusetts says and truly, "Government is instituted for the common good, for the protection, safety, prosperity and happiness of the people; and not for the

profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men." No people should pay to make a small part of their number ornamental, or to increase its resources for enjoyment. If this cannot be done for all, those who want it for themselves or others should may for it

or others should pay for it.

I believe our colleges do make the great majority of their students better men and better citizens; not better than those who do do not receive four years of wise instruction, but better than they would have been had they not had it. In this, which almost seems the day of Mammon worship, there is need of the work of the earnest, self-denying men who try to teach their pupils truth and justice, and help them realize that their responsibilities are in proportion to their resources.

Whether or not colleges for young women make women better fitted to be mothers of the nation, they must be weighed in the

same scales as those for young men.

If, then, colleges ought not to be taxed, and if we should not be deprived of taxes on college property in Wellesley, what is the remedy? The whole people who benefit by it, so far as they can be reached, should join in the contribution.

The result to a college treasury is the same whether the legislature gives it each year from the public funds \$12,000 or relieves it from common obligations to that amount. If the General Court now in session were to give Wellesley College \$12,000, it would not direct the Town of Wellesley to pay it.

While but 211, or 30 per cent, of the students in Wellesley College are from Massachusetts, it is plain we cannot tax outside this State. The Commonwealth incorporates and legislates for the college. It is responsible for its own decrees, it should

pay their cost.

Nearly \$2.00 of every \$11.00 we pay in taxes is our present contribution. If the whole State paid the taxes on all its educational institutions charging a tuition, we would pay .084, instead of \$2.00, and that is the sum which would be the added charge on all property in the state. This is small, but whether large or small, the question is not of dollars and cents, but of fairness and right.

DANA HALL NOTES



On June 16, from three to five, Miss Louise Jewett will receive in the studio any friends of the school. The work done in the studio during the year will be on exhibition.



The annual Commencement exercises will be held in the village church at half after five, on June 20. The address will be by G. Stanley Hall, president of Clark University.



Mr. Louis C. Elson, of the New England Conservatory of Music, will next year give a course at Dana Hall, in the history of music. The lectures will be on Wednesdays at 2.40, in the large school room, and all persons in the village interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.



Next fall will see a development in the work of Dana Hall. The "Little School" established last September, will be enlarged to a boarding and day school, preparatory to Dana Hall. The Hunnewell House, beyond the Town Hall, is now in process of renovation for this purpose. The home will be in charge of Mrs. E. T. Smith of Adrian, Michigan. Mrs. Helen M. Southgate will continue to conduct the primary department, and the intermediate work will be in charge of Miss M. E. Slason who has successfuly conducted private schools in Rutland, Vermont, and Andover, Massachusetts. French, German, music and drawing will be taught by special teachers from Dana Hall; and, in addition to the elementary English branches, emphasis will be laid upon nature study and manual training.



The village people will share with the members of Dana Hall the deep regret at the resignation of Miss Fanny C. Guild and Miss Mary L. Drury from the Dana Hall faculty. Miss Guild has, during her long connection with the school, identified herself not only with its interests but with village interests as well, and leaves many friends here who wish her well in her new work. The school feels proud that she has been chosen as acting principal of the Commonwealth Avenue School, Boston, in the absence of the Misses Gilman who have so successfully conducted it. Miss Drury, while her connection with the school has been but two years, will be much missed, and all who know her work will regret to learn that she has given up teaching. Her successor will be Miss Edith May, who has for two years been at the head of the English work in the Belmont high school. Miss May, Wellesley, '97, is well known in the village and will be cordially welcomed here.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

COMMENCEMENT NOTES. Dr. Theodore S. Woolsey, professor of international law at Yale University, will be the Commencement orator at Wellesley this year. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Washington Gladden, D. D.

NO HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED. An unauthorized statement has been going the rounds of the press to the effect that Wellesley is to confer a degree upon Miss Helen M. Gould, on the occasion of her visit here in June. This is entirely without foundation. As President Hazard states, the College does not contemplate giving any honorary degrees at present, and Wellesley has always felt that it should itself attain a greater age before conferring such degrees, and it does not at present feel that the time has come to depart from its custom.

NEW HEAD OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT. Mr. Hamilton C. Macdougall, of Providence, R. I., has been appointed associate professor of music at Wellesley, with the charge of the department. Mr. Macdougall brings to this work fine accomplishment as a musician, and a long experience as a teacher, composer, and editor of musical compositions. He was one of the founders of the American College of Musicians, and has been connected with prominent organizations of musicians in various capacities; he is an associate member of the Royal College of Organists, in London, and was at one time an instructor in

the theory of music at Brown University.

OTHER CHANGES OF NOTE. With the retirement of Prof. Anne Eugenia Morgan, who has been at the head of the philosophy department since the second year of the college opening, Miss Mary W. Calkins, of Newton, becomes professor of philosophy and psychology, remaining in full charge of this department with which she has been connected more than ten years. Miss Margaret P. Sherwood, Ph. D., who has been abroad the past year, will return to the College in the autumn, and will carry the seminary course in Shakespeare. Mrs. Willia T. Stovall, organist for eleven years past, has resigned from this position, as also from her work as instructor in theory and harmony, to the regret of the College community. Miss Alice II. Luce, a Wellesley graduate, and for the past three years instructor here, has been called to the deanship of Oberlin College. Other withdrawals and new appointments will be announced later, but the personnel of the faculty will remain practically unchanged.

VALUABLE COURSES ADDED to Economics Department. As a result of the enlargement of this department, economics becomes a study of even far greater practical value than heretofore. Women are often charged with being less scrupulous than men in business affairs, and there is doubtless ground for the accusation. A woman's horizon is ordinarily limited to her home and her circle of friends. Her standards of right and wrong are naturally determined by the effect of her deeds in making or marring the happiness of those about her. Her code of social honor is in consequence highly developed, but her notions of business honor are embryonic. It should therefore be the concern of all who are responsible for the education of women to make good this defect by providing instruction in economics, particularly along the line of business affairs. This the Trustees of Wellesley have recently done in freeing Prof. Coman from administrative duties, and from responsibility for the department of history, in order that she might secure time to give a course in public finance.

WELLESLEY CHURCH NOTES

St. Andrew's Church

EXCHANGE. The Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, rector of Christ Church, of Hyde Park, and Archdeacon of New Bedford, officiated at St. Andrew's chapel, Sunday morning, May 27, in exchange with the rector.

CONFIRMATIONS. The following persons were received by confirmation into full communion with the church, at St. Andrew's chapel, on Sunday, May 20: Madeline Stickney Baker, Edward Bradford Blakely, Nellie May Boone, Harriet Eliza Holland, Katharine Emma Hotz, Eliza Kumble Martin, Edna Estella Pennell, Frances Griswold Terry, Margaret Shaw Wheeler.

MUSICALE. A musicale held at St. Andrew's rectory, on Tuesday, May 22, was much enjoyed by all present. The principal performer was Helen Frances Sawyer of Bridgewater, a girl of fourteen, who is a pianist of remarkable ability. She was assisted by Mr. Franklin L. Wood, baritone; Miss Edith S. Holden, violinist; and Miss Elizabeth M. Kelley, accompanist.

HOSPITAL FOR MINERS. The few who listened to the Rev. Charles Wilson, Sunday, May 27, were deeply impressed with the importance of the work for which he is soliciting aid. It is the Cottage Hospital at Springhill Mines, Nova Scotia; \$150 will endow the hospital for one day in the year perpetually, as the interest on that amount is all that is needed for the daily running expenses. Could not our parish endow St. Andrew's Day?

GIRL'S FRIENDLY SOCIETY. Twelve members of this Society, from Wellesley, attended the annual tea and service in Boston, Tuesday evening, May 15. The offering this year amounted to \$361. At the annual diocesan council, held in Emmanuel Church parish rooms the following morning, Miss Isabelle G. Whipple, of Salem, was elected president of the Girls' Friendly Society in Massachusetts, and it was voted that the "missionary pennies" collected at the annual service, in 1901, shall be devoted to work for girls in Cuba.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS. The annual offering for missions will take place on Whitsunday, June 3. Our interest this year is especially directed to diocesan missions. The diocese is divided into five archdesconries, and each archdeaconry is expected as far as possible to be responsible for its own missionary work. At the last meeting of the archdeaconry of New Bedford (to which this parish belongs) held at Brookline, on Monday of last week, very encouraging reports were given. The most interesting development just now is that of the mission at Medway. It is the center of several villages all connected by electric roads. A parish house is being built to foster the social life of this section and to counteract certain demoralizing tendencies which at present prevail. Few people realize the actual heathenism there is in many of our decadent New England towns. The parish house is a valuable agent in purifying the moral atmosphere. Let us extend a helping hand to Medway.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

A READING was given in the church on May 28, for the benefit of a superannuated minister.

REV. RUSH R. SHIPPEN of Brockton, will preach June 10, in exchange with the pastor.

AT THE annual dinner of the Alumni of the Meadeville Theological school, the pastor was elected president of the association.

MR. NELSON CROSSKILL and Mrs. Annie Spencer are elected delegates to represent the society at the meetings of the 75th anniversary of the formation of the American Unitarian Association.

THE PASTOR exchanged with Rev. W. L. Chaffin of North Easton, on May 6; Rev. Julian C. Jaynes, of West Newton, May 27. He also attended the meeting of the Plymouth Bay Conference, at North Easton, May 2.

THE CHURCH and Sunday school will jointly celebrate Flower Sunday, on June 24. An interesting program has been prepared, and the birthday box will be opened, the contents of which are to be devoted to the "Country week."

Wellesley Congregational Church

MEN'S LEAGUE. The annual meeting of the League will be held on Thursday evening, June 7. Mr. Jesse S. Wiley, president of the Men's Club in the Harvard Church, Brookline, will be present and speak of the possibilities of such clubs. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

AN INVITATION is given to any who desire to become members of this church to present themselves to the Church Committee, on Friday evening, June 22. Members of other churches are cordially invited to bring letters of transfer.

MUSICAL SERVICE. On Sunday evening, June 17, a musical service will be held in the church. The choir will have the help of the regular church quartette and other soloists. All the music used will be from the compositions of Charles Gounod.

CHILDREN'S DAV will be observed on June 10. In the morning there will be a special sermon to children. In the evening a children's musical concert exercise will be held. Parents desiring to have children baptized are requested to notify the Pastor. The annual church offering to the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society will be made on this day.

THE JUNIOR ENDEAVOR Society is finishing a successful year. About twenty members have been regular in attendance and over forty have been enrolled. A course of questions and answers upon the books of the New Testament and their writers, also upon the Beatitudes and the Commandments has been studied. About \$10 will be sent to Miss Agnes Lord, in Turkey, for the support of Armenian orphans.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENTS. The Cradle Songs given in the chapel on May 14, netted \$35 for the Woman's Union toward the pledge of 100 for Whitman College. The strawberry festival given by the Christian Endeavor Society, on May 24, brought in a profit of \$15, which was about the sum needed to complete the payment for the new hynn books.

JUNE TOPICS. At the remaining Friday evening meetings in June the topics will be as follows: June 8, "God's Voice in Nature;" June 15, "Children in the Bible;" June 22, "The Privilege of Praising God;" June 29, "Study as Training for Service." The topics for the Sunday evening C. E. services will be: June 3, "The Character of St. Paul;" June 10, "Honor;" June 17, "Courage;" June 24, "Loyalty."

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY. There will be a concert by the Sunday School on June 10, at 10.45 o'clock, with the services usual on this occasion.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. The second service during June, July and August will be omitted. C. E. services at 6.30, to which all are cordially invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. The Blakeslee Lesson Course upon the Life of Christ having been finished, the school has just begun a new course upon the lives of Peter, John and Paul. This promises to be very profitable and it is a good time for renewed interest in Sunday School work.

COMMITTEE MEETING. At the close of the Friday evening prayer meeting on June 15th, there will be a meeting of the Church Committee to which any who wish to unite with the church at the July Communion are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY. Consecration meeting on the evening of June 3. This is a Union Meeting to which all are specially invited. Topic: "How to be a good neighbor." Lu. 10: 25:37. June 10, "Lives that Lift," Lu. 13: 20, 21. June 17, "Abiding in Christ." John 15: 1-10. June 24, "Our Eternal Destiny," Matt. 13: 47-50. The Friday evening meeting for June 22 is the special C. E. meeting, and will be in the nature of a Praise Service. The society has grown during the last months, and its meetings are unusually interesting. Let all come who can and help.

LOAN EXHIBITION. The exhibition of old and curious articles, on May 23, in the vestry was exceedingly interesting and satisfactory. Our hearty thanks are due to the many friends in the community who loaned the valuable articles which gave to this exhibition its unique value. Old silver, old books and documents, old articles of furniture and costumes, old china and pewter ware; it was a remarkable collection to come from a little community like this. The objects of interest were too abundant to be fully appreciated in the time given for their exhibition.

FRIDAY EVENING MEETINGS. June 8, "God's Voice in Nature," Psalms 104, 148. Leader Mr. Seldon Brown. June 15, "Children in the Bible," Joshua 4: 1-7; Mark 10: 13-16; 2 Tim. 3: 14, 15. "What is taught about child-likeness, training the young, early piety?" Leader, Mr. Jos. Peabody. June 17, "The Privilege of Praising God." Psalm 103; Acts 3: 1-9; 16: 16-34. "Why does God desire our praise? Why should we offer it?" Leader, Mr. T. W. Travis. The Christian Endeavorers are especially invited to this service. June 24, service preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper on July 1, lead by the pastor.

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ASLEEP

HON. JOHN D. LONG

[From a little volume of poems called "Bites of a Cherry."]

My little baby boy hath cried

Himself asleep at some light childish pain;

And on his face its traces still abide

Like shapes of cloud o'er meadow flying,-

Upon his cheek a tear-drop lying, As on a leaf a single drop of rain.

See! as I bend above his face.

The shade of grief flies like the hurrying cloud,

And like a flood of sunshine in its place,

The shadow yielding to the splendor,
A smile so sunny breaks and tender,
His soul seems speaking through it half aloud!

Say, what is passing in his sleep?

What are the dreams across his vision driven? Hath one, too young to sow, begun to reap?

Doth he, at one light grief repining,
The worthlessness of earth divining,
Already dream of sweeter things in heaven?

EDITORIAL

RABBI Charles Fleischer, one of the ablest representatives of modern Judaism, having become a resident of Wellesley Hills, we take great pleasure in introducing him to the readers of Our Town through the most suggestive article he has kindly sent us for this issue.

If those who are interested in the continuance of this paper will kindly give us whatever financial assistance they are able to give, especially in the matter of advertising, the Editors will reciprocate by giving the best possible contents. Ten or a dozen \$5.00 "ads" are needed to carry the paper through this year without debt. The reduction in size during the summer months is necessary owing to the smaller number of advertisements printed and the omission of the College Notes. It will be found that the space devoted to general matter, however, is nearly as large as in previous issues. If the

paper could be put on a stable financial basis' there would be no difficulty in developing the character of its contents.

THE Wellesley Education Society ought to commend itself to every parent and every good citizen in the town. Its purpose is to unite the people of Wellesley in an intelligent support of the public schools and their teachers. There is much in the way of helpful assistance that this Society can render and a large membership is desired. Please send in your name as requested in the article printed elsewhere.

Photographs for Cuban Teachers

As a part of the courtesies to be extended to the Cuban teachers who are to spend July and August in Cambridge, a committee of the Twentieth Century Club, of Boston, is planning to provide them with photographic mementos of the land they have visited. They issue the following appeal:

"The Committee requests the public to send for it to classify and distribute, mounted photographs or other illustrations of salient features of our life that are little known in Cuba. The photographs should be instructive rather than merely artistic or decorative. Churches, schools, factories, libraries, shops, machinery and homes are all good subjects.

Each picture should be mounted on cardboard and should be plainly labelled on the back."

Believing that many Wellesley citizens would like to aid in this work, the Education Committee of the Woman's Club have appointed Mrs. Gilbert N. Jones to receive and forward the photographs. Donations may be left with Mrs. Jones at any time during the month of July.

OUR TOWN

A JEWISH RENAISSANCE

(A Passover Address)

TORMALLY the Jew is free from selfdelusion. He makes no special effort to deceive himself. He is not, as a rule, in the habit of rearing a roof, and then building a house and foundation under it. builds from the ground up. The stuff that makes up his dreams are human experiences; his visions are idealizations from fact. Therefore, his theology argues from man to God, rather than the other way. He believes in God because he believes in man,—recognizing in the latter inevitable and infinite npward and outward reaches. His abstract theories are based on observed concrete realities. In a word, the Jew is essentially same.

And yet, we are wanting in self-confidence; broadly and boldly spoken — we lack faith in man, and, more particularly, in our own religious genius. We have been handling our religious heritage as though it could be spent. We have behaved towards the religious spirit in niggardly, faithless fashion. That is to say, we have acted as though we feared: that the God who revealed himself to the fathers did not mean to make the children still and again a medium of his revelation; that the religious spirit, which had in past ages and down to our very day accumulated wealth and stored up treasure, had suddenly been stricken with impotence, and we, the heirs of all the ages, were threatened with spiritual bankruptey. Though we have proclaimed loudly our belief in the eternal and universal revelation of the Eternal, our action has plainly contradicted our "belief," else all our religions —Judaism included—would not be so largely the histories of tradition, instead of the progressive expression and formulation of the growing and unfolding religious sense inherent in man. Rich as the Jew is, in spiritual treasure, possessed still of the original fortune amassed by the founders of the faith; to which has been added the wealth accumulated in centuries of intercourse with the peoples of the earth and in habitual levying upon their fund of religious thought for contributions to his own hoard; not to mention a capital of spiritual wealth common to, and inherent in all human nature; yet the Jew, like all others, has been a religious miser, reluctant to let go of the least portion of his "riches," apparently fearful always of

spiritual poverty, starvation and death.

Of those who persist in this fearfulness differing only superficially, and not essentially, from the rankest superstition of idolatry and fetishism—I would ask: whether religion (and again, more especially, Judaism) is a definite quantity, measurable and exhaustible? If so, then we do right to pursne our niggardly policy, for who knows whether, when our present possession is spent, we shall ever succeed in storing up further treasure? But would even these modern and civilized fetishists be prepared to confess that thus the time will come when religions will be no more, when churches and synagognes will be used as school houses and hospitals, and ministers will give themselves to more "useful" vocations, neither will they teach of God any more? And were not this practical "fetishism" the normal religion of most people—of modern priests as of the mass of persons—would every religion need to declare, as it does, its dependence upon the first teachers, would they need to justify themselves by an appeal to the authority of the founders, would the different systems and sects be only so many different "interpretations" of the doctrines of Buddha, Zoroaster, Confucius, Moses, Jesus, Mahomet, and all the other company of religious "discoverers?" Of all the organized religions, "looking backward" is the characteristic pose, as though the fate of Lot's wife could not deter them from thus courting the immortality of petrefaction. With such slavish dependence upon the past, and such apparently wilful unconsciousness of, or at least lack of proper regard for, man's inherent religious genius, it is not to be wondered at that we are still lisping our spiritual alphabet, and that religion is the last of man's psychical experiences to get itself duly recognized and scientifically organized?

In direct opposition to the treatment of Judaism as a quantity, definite, measurable, and exhaustible—I maintain that Judaism is a quality, infinite, immeasurable, inexhaustible; that Judaism is an attitude, intellectual, moral, and spiritual—the progressive and unfolding expression of the markedly individual and characteristic genius of the Jewish people. In that sense, Judaism is simply the religion of the Jews—always assuming that the Jews retain the distinct individuality already referred to. And our raison d'etre now, as in the past and on into the farthest future, is the bodying forth

of that individuality, the continuous contribution to human evolution resultant from the beneficent activity of the Jewish genius in all human concerns.

Certain characteristics, if not singly monopolized by the Jew, at least in combination serve to mark his individuality, and to dis-

tinguish him from his fellowmen.

First, then, as already claimed, the Jew is essentially sane. The opening paragraph of this paper, if true, would prove this. The religious history of the Jews further attests to it. Judaism is essentially a practicable idealism, a sublimated common sense.

Secondly, our genius as a people has given evidence of a unique ability to conceive, apprehend, and state abstractions. If I may so put it, we have shown a power to give concrete value to abstract truth. Witness our theology, profound to the highest degree, yet unmystical, rational and simple,—essentially philosophic, and yet a potent, vital influence in the career of the entire Jewish people.

Thirdly, I hold that the Jewish genius has distinct originality, directness of approach to all questions. The Jew has been gifted with rare insight, enabling him to get "back of the show of things into things themselves." The same trait that today makes so many Jews successful as lawyers, made the Jews of old such valuable contributors to jurisprudence and to the entire ethical thought

of the western world.

These three particular characteristics, viz., sanity, "abstract concreteness," and originality,—I submit, suggest the quality of the Jewish genius, which made possible the former contributions of Judaism, and whose proper unfoldment and progressive expression can alone continue to give us a self-

respecting reason for existence.

I would have the spirit of Judaism reborn, I would have it again "move over the face of the waters," and bring order and peace. I would have it address itself to present conditions and give them moral meaning. I would have it speak with authority today, and for today, as it spoke two thousand five hundred years ago. The religion for this democracy has not yet appeared. No one of the organized religions answers the cry of the people. Their soul-hunger is not satisfied. I would have the genius of Judaism once more make the Jew the religious saviour of his fellowman. I would have him dream the democratic dream. I would have

him sing the poetry of our seeming prosiness. I would have him utter the moral worth of our material civilization. I would have Judaism express the spiritual significance of science. Religions must give up their quarrel with the spirit of the age, not by acknowledging defeat, but by "swallowing bodily" this Zeitgeist, and allowing it to transform them.

Judaism is fortunate in not being a system of dogmas, which can be outgrown with the development of human thought and the upward reach of human aspiration. But being a quality, a characteristic mental, moral, and spiritual attitude—new conditions only give it new opportunities. In that sense, there may, in this land, yet be an "American Judaism."

If our people will awake to self-consciousness, to self-appreciation, to self-dependence, to an optimistic faith in man as the unfailing fount of religious truth, to an intelligent apprehension of our genius and our mission, which will make the past a constant source of inspiration, the present an insistent call to service, the future a sphere of infinite aspiration,—the true reformation would be assured, and the time of the Jewish Renaissance would be at hand. For Christendom too "salvation" would thus come of the Jews.

CHARLES FLEISCHER.

THE WELLESLEY EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION

THE great good accomplished in Newton, Brookline, and other neighboring towns by similar organizations, and a desire to study systematically the problems of education and to become more familiar with present educational methods, have led to the formation of the Wellesley Education Association under the following constitution:

Constitution

ARTICLE I. Sect. 1. The name of this organization shall be the "Wellesley Education Association."

Sect. 2. The object of the Association shall be to study the problems of education and promote a better understanding of educational methods, to stimulate public inter-

est in the schools of the town, and to cultivate a closer sympathy and co-operation between the home and the school.

ART. II. Sect. 1. The Association shall annually, in March, elect by ballot a President, Secretary (who shall also act as Treasurer), and an Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, the President of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club, and the President of the Wellesley Club, who shall be ex-officio members thereof, and five members elected by the Association.

Sect. 2. Immediately after the annual meeting, the Executive Committee shall appoint the following Standing and such other committees as may further the purposes of the Association:

1. Committee on Finance. 2. Committee on Membership. 3. Committee on Physical Training. 4. Committee on Art and Portfolio. 5. Committee on School Libraries. 6. Committee on Industrial Education.

The foregoing committees shall consist of at least three members each.

ART. III. Sect. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee. The Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties usually imposed upon such officers.

Sect. 2. The Executive Committee shall define the duties of the several Standing Committees, shall sanction the programs of all meetings and shall have general charge and management of the business and affairs of the Association.

ART. IV. Any person of the age of eighteen years, desiring to join this Association and sympathizing with its objects is eligible for membership. Candidates for membership shall be nominated by the Committee on Membership, and elected by the Executive Committee. The annual dues of this Association shall be fifty cents.

ART. V. Sect. 1. The meetings of the Association shall be held on the first Tuesday of March, June, September, and December. The meeting in March shall be the annual meeting. Special meetings may be held at the call of the President.

Sect. 2. Ten members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

ART. VI. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association by vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of the proposed amendment having been given in the call for the meeting.

The officers elected for the current year are as follows:

President, Parris T. Farwell; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Hannah M. Brown; Executive Committee, the President, the Secretary, the President of the Wellesley Club, Joseph E. Fiske; the President of the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club, Mrs. Ellen R. Robson; Prof. Katharine Coman, of Wellesley College; Mrs. Rosamund Rothery, Wellesley; Mr. Seldon L. Brown, Wellesley Hills; Mr. Victor J. Loring, Wellesley Farms; Mr. C. A. Sibley, Wellesley Hills.

This movement originated with the Education Committee of the Woman's Club. It has the hearty endorsement of our School Committee and Superintendent, and their

earnest co-operation is pledged.

The purpose of the organization, as clearly set forth in the constitution, is to study systematically the problems of education, to arrive at a better understanding of present educational methods, and to promote a more active interest on the part of parents and citizens in the work of the schools.

The Association is open to anyone over eighteen years of age, who is or may be interested in the educational welfare of the town. This of course means every adult in the town, and every one is invited and

expected to join.

The next regular meeting is to be held Sept. 4. A formal notice of the place of meeting will be sent to each member. The chairman of the Membership Committee is Mrs. John E. Oldham, Wellesley Hills. Any one wishing to become a member of the Association is requested to communicate with her as soon as possible.

[Sign this blank, cut it out, mail it to her and attend the next meeting.]

Mrs. John E. Oldham, Wellesley Hills,

I desire to become a member of the Wellesley Education Association.

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

TWO INTERESTING BOOKS. A volume of "Verses," which are both graceful and thoughtful, has just been issued by Miss Isabella Howe Fiske, of Wellesley Hills, class of '96, and has attracted much favorable attention. Miss Hazard has recently published (T. Y. Crowell & Co.) "Ideals in the Education of Women," the conservative and womanly standpoint of which is best summed up in her own words: "There are three ways in which women are pre-eminent; they are the binders together of society, they are the beautifiers of life, they are the preservers of morals. That is, women must stand for conservatism, for grace, for purity; and in these three directions they must have special training."

CLOSING FETES. Favorable weather has this year fortunately accompanied all the final social events,—out-of-door affairs, mainly, whose success always depends largely on the weather,—with the exception of the showers which hastened the end of Tree-day festivities on the afternoon of June 8. Next in order of events came the Shakespeare play, "The Tempest," given on the evening of June 16, and again on the following Wednesday, both times successfully, the part of Caliban, taken by Miss Constance Draper, winning special applause. The "Float" exercises, on the evening of June 19, were a repitition of the program planned for last year but abandoned because of the rain; and the "Evolution of Float," as carried out through the successive stages added a pleasing variety to this annual festivity.

COMMENCEMENT EVENTS. First of the Commencement week happenings came the class supper of the seniors, Thursday evening, June 21, at the Newton Club House, Newtonville. Friday was given over to informal teas and reunions, but Saturday and Monday were the chief gala days, society spreads, receptions, Glee Club concert, garden party and senior play following one another in gay succession. Miss Helen M. Gould, honorary member of the class of 1900, was a guest at the Glee Club concert, Saturday, and at the garden party Monday. Miss Gould also attended the baccalaureate service on Sunday. Rev. Washington Gladden, D. D., of Columbus, Ohio, preached the baccalaureate sermon, from the text "As thy day so shall thy strength be;" in the evening, a vesper service was held with special music.

PROF. WOOLSEY'S ADDRESS. Tuesday afternoon, June 26, the Commencement services were held in the Houghton Memorial Chapel. Nine candidates received the master of art degree; 133 the bachelor's There was an unusually large attendance of alumnæ, in view of the special observance, on Wednesday, of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college. Prof. Theodore S. Woolsey, of Yale University, gave an able and unique address to the graduates, "The Story of the Red Cross" being his subject. Concluding, he made a personal application of his discourse in the following words: "You have supplemented the alertness of mind, the intuitive power of reaching right conclusions natural to your sex, by the slower but more philosophical processes which liberal culture furnishes. You have gained resources which will stand you in good stead, in good fortune and in ill. Life is not altogether a joyous thing. You will be hedged about by limitations. If you are true to your own natures, you will rejoice with those that do

tejoice and weep with those who weep. In training the brain to work, do not stifle the profound impulses of the heart. As in so many of the social movements of the age, let true sentiment spur on to action, while the intellect holds the reins. Your duties may be trivial, or charged with high responsibilities. Your nursing may be of a sick parent or child at home, not of a wounded soldier in the field. The heroism is the same, however; the moral is the same. Self-sacrifice is the consummate flower of womanhood, the noblest product of the human heart."

WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

St. Andrew's Church

EVENING SERVICE. During July, and possibly during August, the evening service will be omitted.

SUMMER SUPPLY. The Rev. Frederick C. Lauderburn, of Tamaqua, Pa., who has taken the Rector's place during his vacation the past two years, has been engaged again for the month of August.

EXCHANGE. The Rector expects to exchange one Sunday in the month with the Rev. R. T. Loring of Newtonville; on another Sunday he will officiate at Needham, for the new mission which has lately been placed in his care.

MISSIONS. The offering for missions on Whitsunday amounted to \$124.32, which was distributed as follows:

Archdeaconry of New Bedford,	\$36	00
Parish House at Medway,	10	00
Rev. L. H. Roots, Wuchang, China,	25	00
Archdeacon Appleby of Duluth	5	00
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Cottage Hospital, Springhill Mines,		
Nova Scotia	5	00
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To be divided at the discretion of th	e	
Board of Missions,	33	32
Total,	\$124	32

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

THE PASTOR exchanged with Rev. R. R. Shippen of Brockton, June 10.

AFTER the services of July 8, the church will be closed till September 9.

MR. Edward Woodbury Perkins and Miss Faith Shaw Livermore were married in church on the evening of June 12.

THE PASTOR attended the funeral of Miss Mary Hyde, who was buried in Danvers, Mass., June 18. Services were held both in Wellesley Hills and at Danvers.

JUNE 24 was Flower Sunday. The congregation and Sunday School held a joint service at 10.45 A. M. The church was beautifully decorated. Miss Gladys Collins read an essay on "The Flowers of Palestine," and Master Roger Baldwin discussed, in a short paper, the question "Should we have a national flower?" Master Denis, the boy soprano, sang a beautiful offertory, and Master Richard Cunningham

explained to the congregation the uses of the birthday box. When the box was opened by Dorothy Cunningham it was found to contain nearly \$30, which was devoted to the country week.

Wellesley Congregational Church

STUDENT MEMBERS. Miss Agnes E. Fairlie, a member of this church, was graduated from Wellesley College on June 26. Mr. E. Pablo D. Hathaway was the valedictorian of the class graduated from the Wellesley High School on June 21, and will enter Bowdoin College in the fall.

THE JUNIORS. In order to give the boys and girls who have been faithful to the work of the Junior Society during the past ten months a pleasant closing impression, Miss Taintor and the Pastor arranged a picnic at Norumbega Park. About twenty took the trip on Saturday morning, June 16, and every one seemed to be happy.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP. Miss Anna M. Didriksen has been admitted to church membership. During the past month, Mrs. E. H. Walcott and Mr. William Jennings have been removed by death, and Miss Ethel G. Short by letter to the North Church in Haverhill. Miss Fanny C. Guild leaves Wellesley for Boston and Miss Ella Taintor goes to Brookline.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENTS. Sunday evening preaching services will be omitted until September. The young people's meetings will be held every Sunday evening at 6.15 o'clock, and all members of the congregation are invited to attend.
The Men's League and the Woman's Union sus-

pend further meetings until September.

Friday evening meetings will be held regularly each week at 7.45 o'clock.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

SUNDAY EVENINGS. All the people, old and young, are invited to the Christian Endeavor services. The topics for the month are very interesting, and all are invited to participate in them.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR. July 1, a patriotic service; Deut. 26:1-11. Loyalty to one's country as an example of the Christian's loyalty to the Kingdom of God. July 8, The power of small things. Mark 4: 30-32. July 15, How mission work will gain success. Acts 1:6-14. July 22, The needy at our door. Luke 16:19-31. July 29, Cumberers of the ground. Luke 13:6-9. All meetings at 6.45.

FRIDAY EVENINGS. July 6, Right and wrong love of country. Ex. 19:1-8, Isaiah 60:10-22, Matt. 21:33-43. July 13, Special gifts demand exceptional usefulness. I Cor. 12. July 15, The beam and the mote. Mat. 7: 1-5. The sin of fault-finding and the spirit of criticism. July 27, What is an answer to prayer? Acts 9:8-18; 10:30-48. The Pastor will lead in all these meetings.

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EDITORIAL

SERIOUS accident was just avoided the other day at the bridge which carries the railroad tracks over the highway near Lake Crossing. A young woman, driving in a buggy from the north side of the tracks, came under the bridge just in time to meet an electric from Natick. Both vehicles were in a hurry, and the collision which seemed inevitable was avoided only by a complete and sudden turn of the horse, which left him with his head pointing toward Natick, the buggy in the meanwhile grazing the running board of the car. One such incident ought to lead to the placing of warning sign boards on the north side of the bridge and the instruction to every car coming from Natick to go slow.

THE Trustees of Wellesley College have acted wisely and generously in offering to the girl graduates of our High School three scholarships yearly. Mr. Lake, chairman of our Board of Assessors, was perhaps the originator of the idea, and on July 6th he received a letter in which was the following communication:

"You will be pleased to learn that the Trustees, at their meeting on the 24th of June, voted three scholarships to Wellesley girls, covering tuition, candidates to be recommended by the Selectmen and approved by the town School Committee."

Yours very truly,
Alphaus Hardy, Treasurer.

If we understand this letter aright, this means that three girls each year may have the privilege of college education free of expense. After the first three years, that would mean twelve girls a year at Wellesley College—three in each class. This certainly is a very practical and tangible evidence that it is desirable to be a college

town. Such an offer is a benefit to the whole community. It can not fail to stimulate the desire for a college education among the High School girls, and will undoubtedly make such a course available when otherwise it would be impossible. The citizens of Wellesley will surely appreciate most heartily this generous action on the part of the Trustees. They should also appreciate the faithfulness and wisdom of those officials who suggested the plan.

A VOICE FROM GEORGIA

OST Northerners who have lived in the South for any length of time, since the war, are agreed that the negro problem is to be solved in the South and by the South. There are as many humane, right-minded and unselfish men there as in any section of the country. The North can help the South more by sympathy than by eriticism. "Put yourself in his place" is an applicable precept. This was the opinion of General Armstrong, as it is of Mr. Booker Washington. It is the policy of the great school at Hampton, an institution which has the friendship of South and North alike. The task to be accomplished is vast, almost overwhelming to consider. It is not to be finished in a day, nor in many generations. Too few of us in the North realize how great it is.

In response to some inquiries concerning crime in Georgia, an official letter has been received, some parts of which are of general interest. The growth of crime among the negroes was to be expected. Liberty given to an untrained and unprepared class of people is a sure road to license. In this respect those who had been in bondage were indeed somewhat better fitted for liberty than the younger and succeeding generations who have never known a mas-

ter's hand nor been trained in self-control.

The tone of the following letter is such as should win the sympathy of all northern friends. It will speak for itself. Late official reports from Georgia show that radical and important changes for the better have been made, within the past few years, in the management of the prison population, which

is largely a negro population:

"You are correct in your estimate of the seriousness of the social problem the South has been dealing with since 1865, and I beg to assure you that we have appreciated all the sincere and practical sympathy expressed by the people of the North. Previous to 1865, our penitentiary contained scarcely four hundred whites and no negroes; and, although the population has doubled, there are now only about the same number of whites under penitentiary punishment. Previous to 1865, the negroes were under the discipline of involuntary servitude and their crimes were very few. Rarely was there a murder or other homicide; very few burglaries, arsons, infanticides, rapes; scarcely any drunkenness, very few lunatics, insane, or idiots, no paupers. Rates of mortality and disease were about the same as among the white population. Their thefts were usually from the plantation and seldom from the stores. In fact the negroes were not as a race thieves, rogues, drunkards, or otherwise vicious. I was reared with them on my father's plantation. My ancestors were slave owners from the beginning, and I love to testify to the good qualities of that unfortunate class of our fellowmen. On my return home from the Confederate war, after the battle of Appomattox, I set my slaves free, gave them a start, and have delighted in whatever progress they could make. But I have seen the negroes go down steadily in moral habits, until now there are four thousand of them undergoing just punishment for all sorts of crime.

We have given them education through a liberal and expensive system of public schools supported by taxation of the whites. We have helped them build churches. We have put no barriers in the way of their work as mechanics, and in all the ways we could think of have endeavored to hold them to their old-time moral elevation. It is in all respects to our interests to have the negro's morality restored to him without re-enslavement, which none of us desire. That is the problem after all.

Near Augusta there is a wisely-conducted reformatory, now under control of county authority. Atlanta has recently voted to establish a reformatory here. At the State farm, near Millidgeville, the boys of fifteen and under are worked separately under a good man. This thing will grow. . . . Georgia is fully alive to all the questions that affect the welfare of our whole country and welcomes all the assistance that is tendered."

This report is reliable. It represents the encouraging trend of public sentiment in the South. The writer underscores the words "It is in all respects to our interest to have the negro's morality restored to him." morality which he is to win is a voluntary morality. It would be well if there could be more sympathy, and less confidence in the rhetoric of campaign politicians and partisan The suggestion arises, also, newspapers. that we ought to have learned a lesson, applicable to the new lands that have come into our keeping, concerning the folly of giving the full rights of eitizenship to uneducated, untrained and superstitious peoples.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN A SETTLE-MENT

T certainly does not need any elaborate form of socialism to prove to us the necessity for the equal division of all labor. But there are few places where there is so much demand upon the sympathies and where nerves are so worked upon as in a community where the calls are absolutely incessant upon the physical, mental and moral powers of the The College Settlements, soindividual. called, in our large cities are situated where the conditions of life are such that change is absolutely imperative, if a nervous breakdown is to be avoided, especially when the temperament is sensitive and responsive to the constant calls for sympathy.

The winter residents—as soon as their clubs and classes are over—go away for a rest, and their places are filled by new names and new faces. They take their classes off for a day's outing—the grand finale of the winter's work—to Nantasket, Roxbury, or one of the parks, wherever a pleasant carride can be found.

Then the new residents come and enter into the work of the vacation school and the flower mission, which every settlement gladly undertakes. All flower missions have the same object in view, but perhaps the Settlements consider the social side rather more than the larger missions have time for. The residents of the Settlement do not aim so much at distributing large quantities of flowers as they do at the taking of half a dozen bunches by individual residents, who, in going around to make their social calls, are additionally welcome on account of their fragrant sweet peas and bright nasturtiums. The children of the neighborhood come in to assist in tying up the bunches, thus gaining an unconscious lesson in the grouping of color and suitability of arrangement.

While the Settlement never allows itself to be considered a financial resource to the neighborhood, still untold material benefits do accrue to the vicinity wherever the Settlement is found. Better lighting, cleaner streets, branch libraries, public baths, better educational facilities and purer politics are demanded from the municipality and are

generally obtained.

The vacation school on Tyler street is a most satisfactory place to visit, during its six weeks of work and play. Over two hundred pupils are accommodated, and more would come if there were room. A kindergarten of forty children, a sewing teacher—who gives each room a week at a time, a drawing and painting teacher, and in another building a carpenter for the boys, all have their full number of children, who are kept happy and clean and off the streets, besides learning many things which the regular schools have no time to teach.

Another good work, which goes on at Denison House, is the placing of boys and girls —in the summer—out in the country for a week at a time. This summer a house near Gloucester has been generously donated, and different residents take charge of it for a week at a time, so that the mothers especially may rest by the seashore. Camp life for the boys also interests the House, and the winter visiting and calls continue to some When it is realized that the winextent. ter's work in this particular House is practically treble what it is in summer, one can understand that the actual good accomplished must be very satisfying.

Other Settlements are correspondingly busy in similar ways during the summer months. The South End House, on Rollins street—a men's settlement—has a most definite influence, not only in its own vicinity

but in the city at large. Many municipal reforms can be directly traced to the earnest work of the residents of the House, especially to Mr. Robert A. Woods, who has been in residence since the opening of the House, nine years ago.

Through the generosity of Mr. Charles T. Wilder of Wellesley Hills, the South End House Association has established a women's settlement on East Canton street, whose head was an active and efficient worker at Denison House. These two Houses, but three streets apart, work in actual connection. For example, the flowers are all sent to the South End House proper, but are arranged and distributed under the supervision of the Women's House. Half-way between these Houses is another House, on Harrison Avenue, the main thoroughfare of the district, which is given over wholly to club work. There is a free kindergarten held there every day and a free reading room always open. The kindergarten resolves itself into a vacation school for the children in summer, and proves a delightful playground for the little ones who are too small to attend the public summer schools.

It is pleasant to note the number of our townspeople who are interested in the different settlements of Boston. The writer knows of workers at the South End House, the Dorothea Dix Home, Elizabeth Peabody House and Denison House. Probably there are still others. At any and all of these places a most cordial welcome is extended to all visitors.

ELLEN WARE FISKE.

THE WELLESLEY GOLF CLUB

OLF has evidently come to stay for a long time. In order, therefore, that Wellesley may prove its peculiar facilities for the game, a new club has been formed which bids fair to be one of the town's most successful organizations. The following account of this Club and of the course now laid out is taken from the "Boston Transcript":

"A union of the members of the Wellesley College Golf Club with the golf players of Wellesley village, also those in the Dana Hall School, has resulted recently in the formation of a new organization under the name of the Wellesley Golf Club. For two or three years past, the College club grounds have been growing more and more inadequate, as the course has several times been abridged, owing to the erection of new buildings—notably the Houghton Memorial Chapel and the Whitin Observatory. The College trustees have now granted the use of the tract of College property bordering upon Washington and Dover streets in Wellesley, and running back to the aqueduct—a generous amount of land, having most desirable features for golf links.

Golf experts pronounce the course one of the best of the many in this vicinity. Aside from the advantageous points included, it is one of manifold natural attractions. In the main, the course is on high ground, and the views roundabout are unparalleled in beauty. Lake Waban and the College grounds are in the background from the start, Pegan Hill looms up in the distance on the right, and off to the east lie miles and miles of wooded hill country, charming alike in spring and autumn coloring.

As most of the land had been ploughed over within two years, the soil was in good condition for work, rolling being the only heavy labor necessary to put the going greens into temporary good condition. The course as now laid out covers about twenty-one hundred yards, of amply sufficient variety, with nine holes to play. A few desirable points—such as a brook hazard, for instance—have been left for development in the future, when there shall be more funds at the disposal of the Club.

The first teeing ground is nearly opposite the lodge gate at the main entrance to the College grounds, on the high land which forms a corner at Washington and Dover streets, and the first hole is located well across the plateau, giving opportunity for a long drive, over tolerably even ground, up to the edge of a natural hazard, formed by a gully. The teeing ground for the second hole lies sufficiently far back from this hazard to offer about an even chance for going over or falling in on the drive, while the second hole is placed on the top of rising ground, close to Dover street. Here, also, begins the next drive, down over the slope to the Fuller Brook, so-called. Near at hand to this third hole is the fourth teeing ground, and the drive ought to take one up the hill again, but in a more southerly direction, to the fourth hole. Then there is a short earry, and the next drive is down over a somewhat ragged hill and out on to the meadowland for the fifth hole. Hole num-

ber six is from one corner of the meadow to another—a good long distance. seven is from the corner of the meadow back to near the triangle made by the start for the fourth hole, but at the foot of the ragged hill. The eighth hole is by far the hardest of the course. Starting from the low land of the meadow, if an air-line is followed, the course is up over the projecting corner of a sand-bank, which has been roughly exeavated in times past, and where, if the ball misses its mark, it is well-nigh hopelessly This is a short hole, and the puttinggreen is on the top of a neighboring rise, approached through more or less of undergrowth. The last teeing ground, for number nine, is on this same rising land, and the hole lies just back of the first teeing ground at the start.

Work has been carried on upon the new links for the past four or five weeks, and the results, from the time and labor expended, are very satisfactory. The fair green is in fairly good condition, the teeing grounds are all in order, and the putting greens, while not yet brought to the desirable point of excellence—indeed, this would be impossible in so short a time—yet give promise of good future development. The course will be extended to add another four or five hundred yards as soon as practicable, and it is hoped that a club house may be had at no very distant date.

It is possible for playing to be begun upon the new course at any time now. But as the majority of membership in the Club is among the College students, the grounds will probably not be used extensively until after the opening of the College. Oct. 1 has been decided upon as the date for the beginning

of the Club year.

There was already a considerable golf equipment in the hands of the College Club, with some funds, which, added to by the village and the Dana Hall contingents, have made it possible to carry the work thus far. A liberal interest has been taken in the laying out of the grounds, the committees have worked faithfully, and much friendly assistance has been furnished. Several members of the Wellesley Hills Golf Club have expressed a desire to join this Club, also, and their interest is cordially appreciated by the members of the organization. Mr. Benjamin H. Sanborn, of Wellesley, is president of the new club, Professor Katherine M. Edwards, of the College, vice-president.

A unique feature of this Wellesley Golf Club is the combining in one large, elastic association of 'town and gown.' The common meeting ground of a golf course opens a happy prospect of enlarged opportunity for closer assimilation between two bodies, naturally separated, in the main, by differences of pursuit."

THE NEW HIGHWAY

THE town of Wellesley, at a special meeting of its citizens July 26, voted an appropriation of \$35,000 for the widening and rebuilding of Washington and Central streets. This action is the culmination of efforts which have been made for the improvement of Washington street for many

The need of a wider street as our main thoroughfare has been clearly evident to anyone familiar with our town. The question debated at the Wellesley Club and at various town meetings has been not "Shall the street be widened?" but "How wide shall it be?" And the orators have called for a width from one hundred and twenty-five feet—boulevard style—down to fifty feet. This variety of opinion prevented any action. Some of the citizens, including the Board of Selectmen of 1898, seeing no other way of settling the problem, petitioned the County Commission to widen the street and locate the lines.

There was no opposition made at the various hearings, and, after some delay, last June the Commission determined, after survey, that the street, including a short portion of Central street, should be laid out on a basis of fifty feet, with a greater width in certain localities, notably for the sake of saving trees and, in one case, for the use of the electric road, in which latter case the road agreed to pay the extra expense. The Commission assessed the damage to the various estates from which land was taken, and agreed to pay the sum of \$4,750 from the county treasury upon the completion of the road, which was ordered to be made one year from June 16, 1900. The Selectmen, seeing the need of prompt action, called a town meeting with the result as above An engineer was employed who gave an approximate estimate upon which the sum asked was based.

The work will include a heavy fill upon the park land near the Library and upon the low ground opposite, estimated to cost between two and three thousand dollars; also the removal of the Park wall back to the new line, the laying of drain pipe in various places, including what seems to be the proper draining of the street through Wellesley Hills, the macadamizing of the whole length of the streets as described and the renewal of concrete sidewalks. The walks will be laid, we understand, at the expense of the town and not of the abutter.

We are fortunate in having the assistance of the County and railroad to the amount of \$7,750, and very likely of \$1,500 additional and a hope of some increase from the County. Besides this the State Highway Commission has appropriated \$5,000 for a State road on Central street. We have the assurance from the Commission that we may have the free use of a steam roller and the services of a skilled engineer as an advisor and inspector. The engineer of the County Commissioners will, if he has not already done so, indicate the land taken from each owner.

It is to be hoped that the abutters who have been notified to remove any fences, trees, etc., which are upon ground taken, will not take advantage of the time limit, but will at once remove their property so that work may not be delayed unnecessarily.

We think that the town is quite fortunate in securing a better street for its main thoroughfare under so favorable conditions.

JOSEPH E. FISKE.

WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

THE COMMUNION SERVICE will be postponed until the second Sunday in September.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will meet at the Parsonage on Thursday evening, Aug. 30, at eight Those who wish to unite with the church at the September Communion are invited to this meeting.

PASTOR'S VACATION. During the month of August, the Pastor's address will be Sargentville, Maine. In case of need he is always ready to be called upon.

PRAYER MEETINGS. Topics: Aug. 2, Mystery in God's Dealings with Us. Aug. 9, Wherein is Pride Sinful? Aug. 16, The Gentleness of the Divine Consolation. Aug. 23, Lessons from the History of Peter. Aug. 30, Righteous and Unrighteous Anger.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES. Preaching A cordial welcome for all. Supplies at 10.45. arranged for are Aug. 12, Rev. Joseph B. Seabury; Aug. 19, Rev. C. P. Osborne, Field Secretary of the Massachusetts Seamen's Friend Society. There will be a special collection in behalf of this most admirable organization; Aug. 26, Rev. H. E. Oxnard, lately called to the North Church, in Newton.

MISSION CLASS. Early in July, a class was formed in the study of missions in China. It meets at the close of the Sunday morning service. For a text book it uses "Dawn on the Hills of T'Ang, by Rev. Harlan P. Beach. This book was written by a man who was for years a missionary in China and is thoroughly competent for the task. Its price is only 35 cents. Prepared for the use of members of "The Student Volunteer Movement," it is of value to anyone who wishes to have a small and accurate handbook about China. The topics for study during August will be: Aug. 5, "The Protestant Occupation of China"; Aug. 12, "The Missionaries at Work"; Aug. 19, "The Dawn"; Aug. 26, Review and general discussion. Miss Ethel Putney can supply copies of the handbook for those who desire them.

SUNDAY EVENINGS. The services will be union meetings, under the leadership of the Young People's Society. Topics: Aug. 5, Why is Envy Foolish and Sinful? Luke 15:25-33. Leader, Miss Peck. Aug. 12, The Two Sons; Which are you Imitating? Luke 2:51. 2 Sam. 18:24-33. Leader, Robert Bolles. Aug. 19, Vesper service at 5.00 P. M., in charge of Miss Olivia Hazelton. Aug. 26, How Can We Minister to Christ? Mat. 25:31-46. Leader, Miss Putney. It is hoped that the meetings may be well attended by old and young. Hour, 6.45.

Wellesley Congregational Church

THE PASTOR and his family will spend the month of August at Scituate, Mass.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will meet any who desire to unite with the Church at the September communion, after the prayer meeting, Aug. 24.

PREPARATORY SERVICE. The Pastor will be present on Friday evening, Aug. 31, to conduct the service preparatory to the communion to be held on Sept. 2.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. Owing to the absence of nearly all the teachers and officers during August, it has been decided to close the main school for five Sundays, until September 9. The Primary and Kindergarten Departments will be held as usual.

VACATION PREACHERS. The preachers at the Sunday morning services during August will be as follows: Aug. 5, Rev. George II. Woodhull, a Vale classmate of the Pastor; Aug. 12, Rev. Robert Cochrane, of North Weare, N. H.; Aug. 19, President W. G. Sperry, of Olivet College, Mich.; Aug. 26, Rev. J. W. Fifield, pastor of the Warren Avenue Congregational Church, Chicago.

St. Andrew's Church

THE REV. Frederick C. Lauderburn, of Tamaqua, Pa., who is to have charge of the services during August, is well-known to many of our parishioners. He is the son of the senior warden of the church. This will be the third summer in which he has officiated at St. Andrews. Let there be good congregations throughout the month.

THE MUSIC for August will be in the efficient hands of a quartet, composed of Miss S. B. Hayes, soprano, Miss Philabelle Robbins, contralto, Mr. C. E. Godard, tenor, and Mr. Wm. Nutt, bass. From the excellent character of the music last Sunday, it is safe to presume that the services during August will be well attended.

SOME ANXIETY has been felt by members of the Episcopal Church in this country for the safety of missionaries of the church in China. Bishop Graves sends a cablegram that they are all safe and are at the ports. Would that the same might be said of all other missionaries and of the native Christians whom they have brought into the true faith. The days of the early martyrs are repeating themselves.

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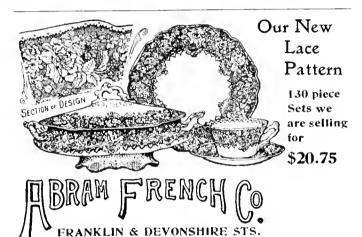
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EDITORIAL

MPRESSIONS of the Cubans visiting Cambridge this summer have been given by many observers who have had more or less opportunity to know whereof they wrote. Some of these impressions have been distinetly unfriendly. It is a pleasure to have such hearty words as those from Professor Bates which we print elsewhere. They are spoken from a first-hand knowledge and by a careful observer. It would be the greatest of pities if the superficial habits or trivial indiscretions of any of these new visitors were taken as the basis of judgment on the Cuban character and its capacity for appreciating the chivalry of this most unparalleled act of hospitality.

THE CUBANS IN CAMBRIDGE

JELLESLEY people who failed to visit Cambridge between the first of July and the middle of August lost a unique opportunity to go abroad by trolley. mountain had come to Mahomet. Cuba had been dropped into Harvard Square. Holworthy, Hollis, Gray, all those famous brick "factories of the Muses," were peopled by swarthy youths, whose slight forms, vivacious southern gestures and rapid Spanish speech almost converted the yard into a plaza. With the dirk-eyed senoritas passing through, there was needed only the change of elms to pulms and of the pump into a fountain to complete the transformation.

Then one morning a torrent of rain washed our Cuban picture quite away. Four troopships were beating toward New York with their bedraggled, chilled and seasiek companies, and Cambridge was left alone to count the cost. Seventy thousand dollars

had been raised, by no means easily, and spent, by no means carelessly. Now where was the seventy thousand dollars' worth?

If this enterprise had been a political move, it might well be stamped a failure. Our visitors made it frankly apparent from the first that their hearts are all with Cuba Libre. They have suffered imprisonment, hunger, loss of fortune and death of friends for the freedom of their beautiful island. They are more or less aware that the future is thickset with problems and troubles, but the Pearl of the Antilles must and shall be in their own keeping. Night and day Cambridge rang to the spirited strains of the Cuban national hymn, while the Cuban banner, "fairest of all the world" (la bandera mas linda del mundo) was everywhere in evidence, from tiny earrings and brooches to the great folds that waved so proudly from the front of University Hall. And the donors of the seventy thousand dollars are well content to have it so. For this American enterprise was not a selfish one. It was as ideal a thing, as truly conformed to the teachings of Him who stood upon the Mount, as any deed our generation has witnessed. Hundreds of Americans, following the noble lead of President Eliot and Mr. Frye, contributed gladly of their money, time and strength, opened their homes, tendered professional skill, gave each one according to the power that was in him, all on the simple, chivalric principle that the strong should aid the weak. In Cambridge, as at San Juan, a great nation, mindful of sacred example, has acted the part of an elder brother to a people too childish yet to fully understand the service rendered.

What, then, was the service of Harvard University to her Cuban guests? The future can tell better than the present. The thirteen bundred Cubans would answer vari-

ously according to their individual experiences. A few salient points, however, can easily be made.

The expedition, including forty per cent of all the public school teachers of Cuba, and representing every town on the island save four, has already done much to overcome sectional jealousies and create an esprit de corps. The Cuban teachers are now for the first time recognizing their professional bond and are projecting such associations and publications as shall perpetuate the comradeship of this summer and organize the interests of pedagogy throughout the island. The Harvard instruction illustrated methods for the teaching of language, science and history gave especial impetus to kindergarten work and to manual training, and imparted stimulating ideas along such lines as domestic hygiene, manufactures, republican institutions and religious toleration.

It is true, too, that American generosity has bestowed on these representatives of a muth-suffering people the good gift of joy, although not so directly and immediately as is generally supposed. The summer has been, in fact, a hard one for the Cubans, especially the women. Many of them delicate girls, who never in their lives before had left their native villages, unaccustomed to my active exercise other than dancing, disnayed at the idea of walking in heat or in rain, utterly unused to close or persistent study and with a native incapacity for hurrying, they have been driven almost to the point of exhaustion. Off to classes at quarter past eight - English, geography, history, more English, lunching in the uproar of Memorial Hall, home through the heat to freshen their dress and renew their facepowder, and back through the heat to catch the cars for an educational trip of geological or industrial character, back at six or seven to the chattering, clattering turmoil of dinner, and after this, most likely, a concert, ball or reception,—no wonder that they sometimes cried themselves to sleep for very weariness. There was not an official excursion every afternoon, to be sure, but its place would be filled by a kindergarten lecture, drawing class, additional English lesson, private invitation, shopping, sight-seeing, dentistry and the like. Take it all in all, the Cuban women met our strenuous kindness with extraordinary pluck.

For, after all, it was kindness. They feel

it now; they will feel it more and more deeply as their Cuba Libre, so passionately desired, plunges into her seemingly inevitable period of struggle and distress. Injustice, poverty, suffering await many of these Cuban teachers, and then this summer, its fatigues forgotten, will shine out in memory not only as their vision of a rich, firm, liberal state, but as a golden interval in the sad monotony and narrowness of life. Cambridge has given them not only grist for their intellectual mill, but wine of comfort for their journey into a thirsty land.

It is sometimes said, unbecoming on our part though such saying is, that the Cubans are not grateful. In the main, this charge is most untrue. Over and over and over again, their assurances of appreciation and thankfulness were eloquently tendered. But gratitude is born of knowledge, and many of the younger ones, only children in experience, bewildered by this fairyland of friendliness, accepted what was given them with the happy thoughtlessness of childhood. And childlike was the love they lavished in response, surprising classic Cambridge to a glow of answering emotion. They nestled into our hearts before we knew it, and their rain of good-bye tears was thanks enough.

KATHARINE LEE BATES.

OLD OCEAN

AVE you never plunged into old ocean and known the joy to be found in the briny deep? Have you never gone in search of the bottom of the sea from the end of a raft? Have you never floated upon the ocean's breast?

For Old Ocean is a most genial fellow, when one knows and trusts him as he should. He is not that cruel enemy many suppose him to be, ever waiting for a victim to seize and hold within his cruel grasp. You who appreciate his friendship must surely wish those who know him not to love him as you do. Count that summer lost when you have failed to entice some one to give himself over to his hands and share the pleasure you have taken in his friendship. Let those who scorn him scorn no more, but let them repent in bathing suits and dripping faces, for in this way alone can they appease his righteous indignation.

Are you that fond mother who told her boy not to go into the water until he knew how to swim? As well hope to gain a tried

and loval friend over the telephone as to expect your boy to know Old Ocean without falling on his broad bosom and trusting in his support.

Perhaps you are one of those unfortunate beings who care not to know him if they could. If so, you have deprived yourself of a friend who might sometime be a friend in need.

Perhaps you are still more unfortunate, and have never seen us who are intimate with him screaming and dancing in water, apparently without a care in the world. If you have not, come with me to the seashore and spend a few minutes in watching the fun.

You will see all sorts and conditions of men and women, but they will all have eager, animated faces: old men drinking of the fountain of perpetual youth; women of uncertain age drowning the cares and anxieties of life; young men and maidens diving into unknown depths for hidden treasure; children rushing forward to buffet the first waves of life.

The funniest sight you will see will be a roly-poly woman in three feet of water, who wants to swim, but is filled with horror lest she drown. She has two others with her to dispel her fears by clutching her by the back and holding her chin a foot out of the water. But even this does not calm her terror. Her muscles are tense, her breath is short and quick, her face has every appearance of exernciating pain. She tries to follow a frog's illustrious example in getting through the water and a wave finds easy access to her open mouth. She is rescued from imminent death by her faithful friends, and as she steps her feet on terra firma again, it is with a thankful heart that she was not engulfed. If she had only been taught in youth to keep her mouth shut she would not have swallowed so much of old ocean. But it is a hard lesson to learn and many, alas, never learn it, even after bitter experiences!

There will probably be a timid little woman there who has just learned to float. She recently had a most trying experience: a wicked boy poked her head under while she was lying oblivious to all about her. Her hands and feet flew up frantically in the air, and, had you seen it, you might have thought a tragedy was well-nigh enacted. But she proved to have more courage than we gave her credit for, and was not to be daunted by the capers of a naughty boy.

If you are fond of children, you will enjoy seeing them jumping up and down and using all the lung power they can command in screaming and shouting. Some will be timid, and will hardly dare to put their feet into the water, and others will need to be carefully watched lest they be too self-confident. One little girl had been taken out gently by her father, and, by slow degrees, has learned to go to the bottom without the slightest fear. She can float, and is towed about by her great toe as if she were a tow-boat. She climbs on to her father's back and dives with him, and is as much at home as in the old apple tree in her own yard.

You will be interested in the antics of those out on the raft. They will have more fun than all the rest, for they have not the slightest fear. They will play leap-frog, turn back somersaults, make turtle dives; they will roll over and over on the raft and finally roll into the water. And they will vie with each other to see who can make the best straight dive. You should have been there once and seen a beginner dive in too shallow water, and stick in the mud. was more fun for the onlookers to see his feet kicking about in the air than for him, trying to get himself out. "Whatever you do, don't get stuck in the mud" is good advice to those who have that tendency, whether they be on the land or in the water.

Those of you who have never known what it is to stand on a raft with dripping face, to swallow a quart of the salt sea, to dive down into his very depths, to float on his breast and look up into the broad heavens above you, to splash and splutter and scream, are all unconscious of the privilege the summer days bring, of having your blood tingle with life. Do not let another summer pass without leaving the ranks of the "great unwashed." Come with us and test Old Ocean for your-

GERTRUDE A. POMEROY.

THE HOME ATMOSPHERE

(Reprinted from "The Evangelist" of Aug. 9, 1900.)

CHILD'S religion is shaped more by the personality of its parents than by their formal religious teachings. Hence the best method of education for parents to pursue with their children is always to be themselves in personal character what they wish their children to be. "For their sakes I sanctify myself," might well be written up as the motto of every home. The home atmosphere is the child's vital breath. And the parents are chiefly responsible for this unconscious but pervasive influence unceasingly operative in the lives of their children.

In the matter of honor, for instance, how impossible for a father to describe honor to a child in so many words if he is not himself the soul of honor! Noblesse oblige is a motto that has to be lived to be understood. A man who is deficient in chivalry toward his wife, who excuses laxity in business relations, who adopts subterfuge to hide unworthy habits, can never hope to teach his children to be honorable.

The conversation of parents about the minister and the church, about neighbors, about the strangers who have lately moved into the vicinity, will reveal to the child the real spirit with which his father and mother regard others. No amount of authoritative command will prevent the working of the same spirit in the child's mind.

Children hold the mirror up to their parents' nature in the most astounding manner. It is unfortunate that more parents do not see what is so clearly revealed to them.

In the religions spirit of his parents a child finds at first what he supposes to be the truth of religion in general. It takes years of time and close personal contact with devoted lives to obliterate the deadening effect of a shallow parental religions life. A man who gives up his Sunday to idling, or sensational reading, or sport, will never be able to convince his son of any real loyalty to the church. And if these Sunday habits are but a revelation of the superficiality of his daily life, then no professions of religious belief will ever mean to his children more than a mere bid for respectability.

Neither does an orthodox puritanism serve much better in making children religious. If they suspect that father goes to church only because he is afraid not to, and that mother makes them learn Bible verses not because she likes the verses, but because she supposes that to be the way to make children good, they will soon make up their minds that as soon as they get away from father and mother they will do what is more interesting.

When, on the contrary, the parents live on a high plane of devotion to the good, the true and the beautiful, when love is the ruling spirit of their lives and reveals itself in the most casual conversation, when their effort is simply to lead their children into the eternal realities into which they themselves have already entered, then there will be no suspicions or perpetual antagonisms in the children's thoughts. They will take the religious life for granted, as the glorification of the common life. And it will take a very great power of evil to destroy in them the desire to emulate those who have lived the truth for their sakes.

EDWARD HERRICK CHANDLER.

A VISIT TO THE ISLES OF SHOALS

"A heap of bare and splintering crags,
Tumbled about by lightning and frost,
With rifts and chasms and storm-bleached jags,
That wait and growl for a ship to be lost.
No islands, but rather the skeleton
Of a wrecked and vengeance-smitten one."

So Lowell wrote of the Isles of Shoals. The description is in curious contrast to the glamour which has been thrown over these barren sea-girt wastes by the writings of Celia Thaxter. And yet to the poetic eye of one who had spent all her days among them, what never-ending charms they had! The excursionist who sees them only at midday, least interesting of hours in which to visit a new place, cannot even in imagination picture the glorious sunrises and sunsets and the awful majesty of a northeast storm so often witnessed here.

Apart from any natural beauty, however, the islands have historical associations which will always make them interesting. The steamer makes its first stop at Appledore, formerly called Hog Island, and the largest of the group. Appledore is the home of the Thaxters. The house of the poetess is still kept as it was when she was alive, with its vine-covered porch and its diminutive garden filled with the old fashioned flowers that she loved, all described in her fascinating book "An Island Garden." A short distance from the house is a small enclosure which contains her grave, together with the graves of other members of her family.

For the antiquarian, however, Star Island, the next in size to Appledore, possesses the most attractions. Here one may see an old stone church built in 1800, occupying the site of a wooden building destroyed by the Indians several years before.

Near the church stands a weather-beaten parsonage, much in need of repair, which harbored several generations of worthy pastors, some of whom are buried on the island.

One of them, the Rev. John Tucker, had the distinction of being the only minister regularly ordained to the pastoral office in this place. He is described as a man of "easy and polite manners, of humble and unaffected piety, of diligence and fidelity in the service of his calling. He was given to hospitality, apt to teach, and, moreover, a physician both of the body and the soul." It is said that few parishes gave a more generous support to their minister Another devoted shepherd in this small and lonesome corner of God's pasture, was the Rev. John Brock, a graduate of Harvard College, a man remarkable alike for piety and learning. It was said of him by an eminent divine that "he dwelt nearer heaven than any man on earth."

A few yards away from the parsonage stands a monument to Captain John Smith of Virginia, who discovered these islands in 1614. They were first named after him "Smith's Isles." Later, for some unknown reason, the name was changed to Isles of Shoals.

On the north shore of the island is a cave known as "Betty Moody's Hole," which has a tradition attached to it thus described by a writer who visited the island twenty years ago:

"A woman with her two grandchildren retreated thither in early times to be safe from the Indians who, as usual, were on the rampage. With the depravity peculiar to infants, of crying at the most malapropos periods, these children indulged in a wail that threatened to bring their foes directly upon them, and the frightened grandmother put a summary end to the noise by dashing their brains out against the rocks. Afterwards it was discovered that the Indians had not been near the cave, and the population of the world was thus unnecessarily lessened by two. The feelings of the grandmother and her subsequent fate, if the children had a mother, are left to the imagination."

Some curious incidents in the history of the Isles of Shoals have come down to us. One of them recorded in the Massachusetts Historical Society collection, has a humorous aspect probably unperceived by the people concerned in it. Away back in 1647, a man named John Renold was complained of by his neighbors for keeping of swine and goats, and also for bringing his wife to the island. The former it is said "spoiled the spring of

water." What offence the latter committed is not set down, though the presence of women seems to have been contrary to the custom of the place. The court, before whom the offender was brought, ruled that "the animals shall be removed, but as for the removal of the wife it is thought fit that if no further complaint come against her she may as yet enjoy the company of her husband."

The Isles of Shoals are becoming more and more a resort for people who want absolute quiet and pure sea air without any of those unmentionable land-breezes. Treeless and rocky as they are, no foliage except a few stunted, mostly berry and cranberry bushes, interspersed here and there with choke plums or poison ivy, yet there is a charm and fascination about them to people of a meditative temperament which is seldom discovered by the transient pleasure-seeker. The life of Celia Thaxter proves that a spot so bleak, cramped, monotonous, may, nevertheless, be productive of broad sympathies and a contented mind.

WILLIAM E. HAYES.

WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

Wellesley Congregational Church

SUNDAY EVENINGS. Beginning September 2, regular preaching services will be held in the church at 7.15 o'clock. If every church-goer will make some effort to aid these services, both by attending and by interesting neighbors in them, they can be made most profitable to the community.

CHANGES. It is with much regret that the community parts with Mrs. Nancy Watson, whose hospitality and never-failing cordiality have been appreciated most keenly. Mr. E. H. Walcott and Miss Mabel Walcott will return to Wellesley and live on Abbott street. Their presence in the church again will be welcomed by all.

A PROPHECY CLASS. All who are interested in understanding the Old Testament prophets are invited to attend a class which will be started in a few weeks, on some suitable week-day evening. It will be conducted by the Pastor and will continue for about ten evenings.

GETTING STARTED. The main Sunday school will open Sept. 9. The departments of the Woman's Union will begin their regular meetings on Tuesday afternoons. The Pastor's classes for boys and girls will open before the middle of the month. The first monthly meeting of the Men's League will be held Oct. 4.

FINANCES. In order to keep all bills paid, it is necessary for all members of the church to make up arrearages and do as much as possible during the next four months. What a pity it is

that the church building must continue to decay for lack of paint, when a little extra effort would soon put it in order! Let every one hire a pew or take a pledge, and rejoice in the opportunity of making the church as beautiful and as wellequipped as it can be made.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

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FRIDAY EVENINGS. Sept. 7, service preparatory to the observance of the Lord's Supper. On other evenings the usual topics.

COMMUNION SERVICE. The celebration of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the morning service on the second Sunday in September. It is expected that some new members will be received into the church. And it is to be remembered that the Church Year practically begins at this time. It is hoped that special effort will be made by all members of the church and congregation to be present at the service. It is the custom of the Church to invite all, whether members of the church or not, to remain, if they desire, through the communion service.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. On Sept. 16, the Pastor hopes to begin a series of Bible study services, of an informal nature, to be held in the chapel at 7.30. The first studies will be in the Epistle to the Hebrews. Sept. 16, "Christ and the Angels." Sept. 30, "The Humiliation and Exaltation of Christ." On Sept. 23, there will be an afternoon service at 4.30, conducted by a delegation from the Home for Little Wanderers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICE. Union meetings on the first two Sundays of the month. If possible, the second of these meetings will be a praise service. The regular topics are as follows: Sept. 2, Seek Sonls. Sept. 9, Our Simple Duty. Sept. 16, The Broad Way; the Narrow Way. Sept. 23, Tares in Your Field. Sept. 30, Our Foolish Excuses.

St. Andrew's Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL session will be resumed on the third Sunday of the month, Sept. 16. Let all the children be on hand.

THE MUSIC during the summer months deserves especial commendation. Many thanks are due to those who so kindly gave their services in the choir.

WESHALL EXPECT to see a very large attendance on the last Sunday in the month, when the students from Dana Hall and the College will have returned from their vacation. Let the regular parishioners show them that they are heartily welcome to our services.

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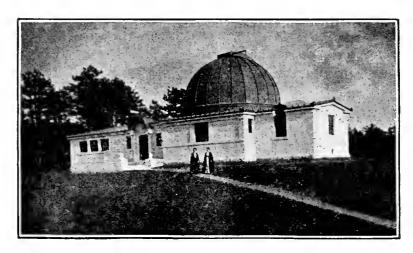
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WHITIN OBSERVATORY

THE teaching of the sciences by the laboratory method is a development of this century. The first Physical laboratory in America was opened at the Mass. Institute of Technology by Prof. Rogers and Prof. Pickering nearly thirty years ago, and Wellesley College was one of the very first to adopt this method of teaching Physics. The biological sciences have long put the microscope into the hands of each student, but Astronomy, the oldest of the sciences, has been slow to adopt the laboratory plan. Only the astronomers and a few specialists have handled the instruments. Courses of lectures have had to suffice for the rest. It is lately recognized that to enter into the spirit of the investigator in Astromomy one must handle his tools and repeat his work.

It has long been desired to put into practice this method of teaching Astronomy at

Wellesley, but equipment was lacking.

A little more than two years ago, a group of astronomers from a neighboring observatory was entertained by one of the professors of the College on Float Night. The conversation turned upon stars and telescopes, and a superb Clark telescope of twelve inches aperture, which was for sale, was mentioned and the earnest wish expressed that it might be secured for Wellesley. A fellow guest, one of the trustees of the College, herself an enthusiast from her girlhood in reference to the stars, listened and resolved, and the beautiful students' Observatory, to be presented to the College, October 8, is the outcome.

The building of an Observatory involves special problems. There must be a dome, which to cover an eighteen foot refractor must be over twenty feet in diameter, strong and firm, and therefore weighty; and yet this must revolve so that the shutter itself to be drawn aside may open to every point of the sky, and be weather-proof. must be an opening in the roof of the transit room in the direction of the meridian; there must be a room which can be absolutely dark; there must be solid piers for telescopes and clocks and heliostat, inside and outside the building; and in this Observatory everything must be easily manageable by women alone.

The architect of the Whitin Observatory, Mr. Henry A. Phillips, not only planned an artistic exterior but gave tireless attention to every detail of these problems; and Mrs. Whitin has spared no pains and expense. Indeed more than one piece of work has been done twice over because only the best

could satisfy.

One or two more large pieces of apparatus are yet to be put in place; but besides these it is intended to supply simpler and cheaper apparatus in duplicate, so that students may not only practice themselves before handling the costly instruments but may prepare to teach Astronomy in the secondary schools, which are more and more calling for this teaching. It should be recognized that early in life the student should find proper perspective for all knowledge by learning the relative place occupied by his little moving planet in the great universe.

One of the charms of this gift to the College is that it has been administered by the giver. It is hoped that she may now and then be able to join the enthusiastic group of students who surround the library table working at their problems, with globe and chart and Ephemeris, for only thus by seeing the good that her work has done can she be repaid.

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GOLF—A STUDY IN ETHICS

NE of the strongest sermons of the late Horace Bushnell is entitled "The Moral Uses of Dark Things." The Reverend Doctor probably never played golf. If he had his list of "dark things" would have been Just why you cannot hit that extended. little white ball the first time you swing your club, why you cannot send it in the direction you ought, are for a long while inexplicable mysteries to you. You have to wait until you have reached the golfer's paradise —that blissful state of existence in which to play golf well is a second nature—before the mysteries are cleared up. Nevertheless, even in the darkness, the game of golf like the game of life has its "moral uses."

In the first place it teaches patience and self-control. You cannot be a good-golfer at once; and if you are what is better—a good Christian—you must check the naughty words that rise to your lips when you fan the air several times in succession, or dig up the turf, or drop into the sand-bunker, or

lose your ball in the brook.

In the second place it teaches humility. You must not expect to make the bogey score the first time, and you may play a hundred times before you even make one hole in a less number of strokes than your self-righteous neighbor, who exclaims in great glee as he sees your discomfiture: "I did it in three." Alas, alas, how sad it is to write yourself down a duffer, you who have held your head so high in the community! - Perhaps you can do other things well, but you have to confess yourself a miserable player of golf.

In the third place it teaches judgment. It is all very well to send your ball a tremendous distance down the field, but when you approach the hole, beware. Now you must play with the greatest delicacy and deliberation. Just the right blow, no harder, no weaker than will bring the ball up to the hole; that takes a practised eye and a mee aim. If the faculty of careful judgment is left out of your makeup you will never make

a good golfer.

In the fourth place the game of golf reminds us of many things that most of us learn in the experiences of life. Let us go around the links together and see the meaning of cach play. Imagine yourself standing on the first tee addressing the ball. How are you standing? Have you got a firm position? Are your arms flexible? Are you

ready to hit a good smacking stroke? All right then, go ahead. But be careful at the same time not to be in too much haste, and above all things keep your eye on the ball. A firm stand and concentration; how important these are in other things than golf?

Now your ball is flying down the green and you are following after it. So the vision of some great achievement goes before you, while the process of attaining it must be step by step. Be thankful if the achievement like the ball does not fall beyond bounds, sometimes never to be discovered even after long and thorough search. Let us assume, though, that you are a man of cantion, a staunch conservative who is willing to keep within bounds, not an impulsive free lance who loves to take foolish risks. But whether the strokes be few or many, you come at length to the putting green. Now for one or two well-played shots that will land you in the hole. The less shots you make the more it will prove that you have learned the valuable art of getting great results with the least waste of effort. It is the law of the conservation of energy which every man who has large affairs to handle knows by heart.

One stage in the game is finished, but there are eight more to follow, all of them different from the first, all of them with their own peculiar snares and pitfalls for the unwary. Oh, those awful bunkers and hazards that strew the paths of life! How many of us have been filled with bitter regrets that we did not try harder to keep out of them! Well, there is one comfort: the end must come some time. Through trials and tribulations, with perhaps a good play here and there thrown in just to cheer you up a bit, you come to the last link which is always called "home." The game now is over. But there is one thing left to do: examine your score. Is it a good or a bad one? Perhaps it is neither, only an uninteresting, commonplace score like the lives of most of us. But then who knows but the King sees something beneath that score which redcems it from its apparent medioc-For after all, as some one says, "It is aspiration that counts not realization, pursuit not achievement, quest not conquest."

WILLIAM E. HAYES.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

WITH the cooler breezes of September and the home-coming of summer wanderers there have also appeared certain significant and interesting, if somewhat mysterious, tokens of activity among the ladies of our village. The Woman's Club is active and alert. Directors and committees are making ready for the coming of November and the opening of a new year of pleasure and profit for the club women of the town.

The Programme Committee, though not quite ready to make public the result of their many conferences and much correspondence, yet vaguely hint at some surprises and choice things provided for the winter's entertainment, which will make it well worth while for the ladies to carefully reserve their alternate Wednesday afternoons.

Members of the Club who have not already paid their dues are reminded of that *duty* (seriously) and requested to consult the Club's By-Laws (Art. III., Sect. 4) and there learn the penalty for delay.

Quite a number of applications from new members have already been received and, so far as can be determined from present facts and figures, a prosperous and pleasant year awaits the Wellesley Hills Woman's Club.

The Treasurer, Mrs. George A. Sweetser, will be at her home, Abbott Road, second door from Washington street, to receive applications and fees, or they may be sent by mail.

MRS. W. O. ROBSON.

TWO NOTABLE ADDRESSES

THE Men's League of Wellesley has arranged for two thoughtful addresses upon the political issues of the day, by men who view these issues from widely different points of view. Col. Albert Clarke gave the first address at the Wellesley Congregational Chapel on Thursday, Oct. 4. The second will be given at the same place by Mr. Moorfield Storey, on Thursday evening, October 11, at 7.45 o'clock. All the men of the town are invited to be present. Mr. Storey's ability as a lawyer and his independence as a thinker will make his remarks well worth hearing, no matter what may be one's political predilections.

WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

Wellesley Congregational Church

FOREIGN MISSIONS. Our annual offering to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions will be made on October 28.

THE CHURCH COMMITTEE will be glad to meet all candidates for admission to the church on Friday evening, Oct. 26.

EXCHANGE. Rev. A. J. Rackliffe, of Hudson, will preach on Sunday morning, Oct. 14, in exchange with the Pastor.

MEN'S LEAGUE. An extra meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Oct. 11, to hear an address by Mr. Moorfield Storey on the political issues of the day. All men are invited.

DEATH. Miss Charlotte Kingsbury, who died at her home on September 26, had been a member of the church since May 1, 1842. Her property, consisting of a house and nearly one hundred acres of land, has been bequeathed to a Boston association which attends to the instruction of deaf mutes.

RUMMAGE SALE. Our turn has come, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 8, 9, and 10 (if the goods hold out), there will be the chance of a lifetime to buy all manner of goods, useful and ornamental, at fabulously cheap prices. The place will be the honse on Washington street, next to Mrs. Watson's. There will be offered for sale furniture, pictures, books, clothes, kitchen utensils, glassware and crockery, and a bewildering variety of other goods altogether too numerous to mention. If you have anything in your home you would like to sell send it in. If you want to buy anything come and choose for yourself. The money received will be divided between the building fund of the Home for Crippled Children and the Painting Fund of our church.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL. Oct. 24, Harvest Festival and Sale in the vestry of the church, afternoon and evening.

PREPARATORY SERVICE. Friday, November 2, will be a service preparatory to the celebration of the Lord's Supper on the following Sunday.

WOMEN'S MEETING. Tuesday, Oct. 16, All-day sewing meeting at the house of Mrs. L. K. Putney, beginning at 10.00 A. M. Ladies will bring contributions for the luncheon.

YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETY. Meetings will be held usually at 6.30 P. M. each Sunday. On Oct. 7, there will be a Union Phaise rervice at 7.00 o'clock, the preceding service being shortened.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. On Thursday, Oct. 18, there will be a meeting of the Church Committee at the parsonage at 8.00 p. m. Those who wish to unite with the church on confession of faith, at the next communion, are invited to this

meeting. Those who unite by letter from other churches will please hand their letters to the Pastor before this date.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES. The plan for the coming winter will be like that of last year. So far as possible, there will be a Praise Service on the first Sunday evening of each month, and a Missionary Concert on the third Sunday evening. On the alternate evenings the Pastor will give an exposition from the Epistle to the Hebrews, for the present. Oct. 7, there will be a Praise Service at 7.00 o'clock.

St. Andrew's Church

ST. ANDREW'S GUILD. The annual meeting for the election of officers and hearing of reports will be held on Monday, Oct. 8, at 8.00 p. m., at the rectory. All women of the church who are interested in church work are cordially invited to be present.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY. We need about a hundred more books, and shall be glad to receive contributions either of books or of money. Please look over your home libraries and see if there are any suitable books you can spare.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY. For our annual service commemorating the opening of St. Andrew's chapel, we have secured this year as preacher the Rev. Dr. J. S. Lindsay, rector of St. Paul's church, Boston. The offering will go toward the building fund of Trinity Mission, Needham. Keep the date in mind, St. Andrew's Day, Friday, Nov. 30.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY. The first meeting of the season will be held at the rectory on Saturday evening, October 6, at 8.00 o'clock. The efficient and faithful secretary of the Branch, Miss Edith A. Sawyer, has felt compelled to resign her position. Until a new secretary is chosen, the chaplain will take charge of the work.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

THE CHURCH and Sunday School opened for the winter's work on Sunday, Sept. 9. The school will study the Old Testament, using a carefully graded system.

ADJOURNED meeting of the Standing Committee took place on Thursday, Oct. 4.

REV. Chas. A. Allen, of Bridgewater, exchanged with the Pastor on Sunday, Sept. 29.

REGULAR meetings of Sunday School teachers at the parsonage on Friday evenings for the study of the Sunday School lessons.

THE PROGRAM Committee of the Woman's Alliance is nearly or quite completed for the year. Their meetings this year will be opened by Rev. Chas. G. Ames, pastor of the Church of the Disciples, Boston.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

BEGINNING A NEW YEAR. College opened on Wednesday, Sept. 19, with an enrollment of 720 students, about 235 of whom are members of the Freshman class. The new dormitory, Wilder Hall, accommodates about 45 students and a few members of the faculty. Miss Olive Davis, a Wellesley graduate who has been studying domestic science at the Mechanics' Institute, in Rochester, N. Y., is in charge of Wilder Hall.

THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT. A notable change takes place this year in the music department. Mr. Hamilton C. Macdougall, of Providence, R. L., has been appointed associate professor of music, in charge of the department. Mr. Macdougall brings to this work fine accomplishment as a musician, together with a valuable experience as composer and editor of musical compositions. In addition to giving lessons in the different branches of music, Mr. Macdougall will have charge of the College chorus and glee club, and will also serve as organist. He has already begun the formation of a College choir, to sing in the chapel services.

NEW MEMBERS of the Faculty. Mr. Frederick E. Gulick (B. A. Harvard) has been appointed non-resident instructor in Spanish. Mlle. Bertha S. Caron comes into the French department this year. Miss Caroline M. Breyfogle, who has been recently studying at Berlin and Chicago Universities, will assume a portion of the work of the Bible department as associate professor. Miss Adelaide I. Locke, for several years instructor in Bible, was appointed associate professor in charge, after the resignation of Prof. Mary E. Woolley. With the retirement of Prof. Anne E. Morgan, Miss Mary Whiton Calkins, of Newton. becomes full professor of philosophy and psychology in charge of the department. Miss Margaret P. Sherwood, who has been abroad the past year. returns to the department of English literature. Miss Charlotte F. Roberts, professor of chemistry, resumes her work this year, having spent her sabbatical year abroad.

COLLEGE NOTES. President Hazard returned at the opening of college; a pleasant custom was introduced by her this year, in receiving the parents and friends of students in the Horsford parlor several afternoons during the first week. Miss Hazard attended the anniversary exercises at Smith College on Wednesday, Oct. 3, and delivered an address. A simple, handsome bronze tablet has been placed in the right-hand nave of the Houghton Memorial Chapel, on the side nearest the chancel. This tablet bears the inscription: "William S. Houghton, 1816-1894." The Christian Association has added to its other business enterprises a book exchange, where second-hand books may be left by the students for sale. The Association had its usual "bureau of information" open for the aid of new students during the early days of the term, thereby rendering much effective help. Rev. Wm. E. Barton, D. D., of Chicago, Ill., was the preacher on Flower Sunday, Sejt. 23. The Whitin Observatory will be formally opened on Monday afternoon, Oct. 8, with appropriate exercises.

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EDITORIAL

THE insincerity of leading politicians who claim to be governed by the highest motives in asking for the suffrages of the people is seen in the action of the presidential candidate of one of the two great parties who consents to be the guest of probably the vilest political organization on the face of the globe. The scathing criticisms of Tammany Hall, which have appeared in Harper's Weekly, the Ontlook, and other journals of the better class, ought to make any man who loves honor and purity blush to be seen in the company of such consummate rascals. There are no two sides to this matter. Tammany Hall has no defender on moral grounds, not even from Mr. Croker, who in a recent article in Collier's Weekly praises it simply as a "perfect machine." Every body knows it is that, but they also know, as the Outlook says, "that it is an infamous traffic in vice, an organized utilization of crime; it is an attack on those things in human character and government which are precious alike to men of every party."

WE have often heard it said that there is no unity among the forces of evil. Evil leads to discussion, anarchy, chaos. Perhaps it does in the end, but the end is sometimes long delayed. For a while a combination of wicked men, with nothing but their own individual selfish aims to secure, will be strong enough to resist every presssure brought to bear against it. Does it not suggest that the children of this world are sometimes wiser than the children of light? Let the good combine together in the same powerful way and the forces of evil will soon be routed. Look at our divided Christianity for instance. If, instead of so many different sects, each struggling for existence, we could have three or four denominations, each of which should represent some particular

type of polity and worship, and thus satisfy all religious needs, how much more effectively we might fight together to suppress our common foe. One is glad to welcome any symptom that shows how closely the churches are meeting each other. Up in Berkshire County, for instance, a number of ministers representing six or seven different religious bodies, met together the other day, and signed a solemn agreement: "To officiate at no marriage within the town or city in which we live, unless both of the contracting parties can give satisfactory evidence other than that of a marriage license of their right to be married according to the usages of the Church. We further agree not to officiate at the marriage of any divorced person whose husband or wife is still living, except it be the innocent party whose divorce was obtained on the ground of adultery."

Let us have more of this "togethering."

Dean Everett

IN the death of Prof. C. C. Everett, dean I of the Cambridge Divinity School, the country loses one of its ripest scholars and acutest thinkers. Although formally associated with the Unitarian Church, his religious life was not rimmed by the limitation of any separate sect or denomination. He was a member of the church universal, preaching through the lips of scores of devoted ministers, who had been his pupils, the luminous gospel of a sound and wholesome religious philosophy. Dean Everett had no sympathy with that popular and flabby liberalism which finds its readiest expression in the cant phrase of the day, "That it makes no difference what a man believes so long as he lives well." knew that real belief is the foundation of Society has stored up a vast character. increment of ethical capital, and each individual man is, consciously or unconsciously,

a partaker of the investment. And no single person can, in his individual experience, ever, adequately, test the question as to what effect the loss of certain moral ideals would have upon the deterioration of personal character. John Stuart Mill, for instance, believed in the right of any man to marry as many women as were willing to be He strenuously denied the right married. of society to have any regulative power in the matter. But this belief did not make him a polygamist. English society held no purer, cleaner soul. Because the tissues of his personal character and the very trend of his inherited tendencies were dominated by the Christian ideals of sexual purity. In his case an abnormal belief did not make any difference in character or conduct. But uncounted generations of such a belief wrought into a persistent social habit would degrade woman in England as surely as it has degraded woman in Turkey. So it is that men like Everett and Martinean and Caird found in the springs of a sound religious philosophy-theology, if one likes to call it so—the real, although often hidden, sources of a people's best spiritual life.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB

THE quarterly meeting of the Massachusetts State Federation held recently in Amherst was not only instructive and inspiring but possessed two very interesting and significant features: the unabated interest in the so-called Woman's Club Movement with, at the same time, an entire absence of anything like gush or misplaced enthusiasm, and the very conspicuous simplicity and common-sense character of the recommendations given to individual clubs. Mrs. Atherton's report upon social service which was essentially the subject under consideration during the session, made honorable mention of work done by our own Club through its Friendly Aid Committee, and, though the half was not told, yet it was a pleasant thing to hear.

Club members will presently receive the schedule of work and entertainment provided for the first two months of the Club year.

Prof. Bates' lecture upon William Morris will be a help to those who are studying (and who is not?) the beautiful and essential things for our own home life, in enabing them to think wisely and well.

Please notice that the lecture of December fifth will be given in the evening and open to the public. Dr. Gulick, of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, has a most contagious enthusiasm in his work, and no one can hear him or talk with him without feeling that such research and study as his are in the right direction and will be productive of lasting and valuable results. It is hoped that all the town will be able to hear him.

The first meeting on the afternoon of November seventh will be the newly-inaugurated reception given by the Club to its President and officers.

The Friendly Aid Committee are very much in need of clothing to help them in carrying on that branch of their work. The cold weather will soon be here, and there are so many calls for warm winter clothing that the supply has been exhausted. Boys and girls clothing of all kinds, coats, shoes and stockings are especially desired, although infants clothes for the maternity trunk, and sheets and old linen are needed in caring for the sick.

Will not every one do a little rummaging for this worthy cause and send the results to Mrs. Albert Jennings, Wellesley, or Mrs. Arthur E. Brown, Wellesley Hills.

THE WELLESLEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

THROUGH the courtesy of the Unitarian Society, the first fall meeting of the Wellesley Education Association was held in the parlors of the Unitarian Church Thursday evening, Oct. 25. About forty members and friends of the Association were present and a lively interest in the success of the movement was apparent.

Mr. D. C. Heath, President of the Newton Education Association, was the speaker of the evening. His topic was "The Work of an Education Association," and he was brimful of his subject. An eminently practical man, with a broad knowledge of educational matters in general, he is thoroughly convinced that much material good may be accomplished by local education associations.

He began by pointedly stating that an education association formed merely because it might be the fashion could not live long or accomplish much good. Its true purpose must be to awaken the citizens to a recogni-

tion of their responsibility in the most important function of life—the proper education of their children. To this end he advocated opening the association to all and the organization of the whole into committees so that every member might be upon some committee and actively engaged in some de-

partment of the work.

Mr. Heath continued in substance as follows: If any direct reforms in the schools are contemplated, make the school organization, the superintendent, teachers and school board a committee upon reforms, as their long experience and knowledge of the immediate needs of the schools will best equip them for that work. This has been done in Newton and the Association has suggested to the Committee the following items for consideration:

Fewer pupils in charge of one First. teacher.

Second. The holding of only one session a day.

Third. Half-yearly promotion.

An arrangement whereby a Fourth. teacher may pass from grade to grade with pupils in order to remain with the same class for at least three years.

Fifth. A division of the twelve or thirteen years of the public school course into two divisions of six years each, or seven and six respectively, calling the first division the lower or grammar grades, and the second

division the high school.

The speaker presented clear and cogent reasons for these changes. When asked if he thought it possible to effect anything so radical, he replied: "The schools are ours; if upon mature consideration any change is deemed wise, and if it is within our means,

why should it be impossible?"

Mr. Heath then passed to what he considers the larger work of an educational association covering that portion of the child's life for which the parent is chiefly responsible—the out-of-school portion. The Newton Association is giving especial attention to the doings of the children while out of school and to those things connected with the schools which seem to be more in the province of a citizen's organization, and which the school board is powerless to act upon until the people are ready to support them in effecting improvements, Along this line Newton has organized committees as follows:

On Health and Hygiene, medical exam-

ination, sanitation, over-pressure in school and home; on Vacation Schools and Manual Training; on the Entertainment of Children; on Play Grounds and Systematized Play; on Children's Reading; on Manners and Morals; on School Furnishing and Decoration; on Child Study and Kindergarten; and an Outlook Committee.

Through the Health Committee substantial progress has been made toward securing the examination of the eyes and ears of pupils and the proper arrangement of seats relative to available light. It was found that floors of school rooms were washed only Steps have been taken during vacation. toward the nearer approach to godliness and health through cleanliness. Improvement in pupils' work is said to have increased forty per cent under the influence of fresh air, this saving alone being equal to about one session a day.

Much has been accomplished by the Committee on Furnishing and Decoration toward making the school surroundings helpful This phase of the work and beautiful. offers practically boundless possibilities.

The Committee on Systematized Play has discovered that pupils who have the largest capacity for play have also the largest capacity for work, and plans have been formed to secure adequate play grounds and to direct rationally this most important activity. The Committee on Entertainment is attempting to guide the social gatherings of pupils in wholesome and strengthening channels.

Morals and Manners in and out of school provide a rich field for that Committee and it is hard at work, but its field is surely equalled by that of the Committee on Chil-Classified lists of books dren's Reading. suitable for children of difficult ages have been prepared, and much has been done toward making the books available, attention being given chiefly to what is read and what ought to be read out of school.

The Outlook Committee reports from time to time upon the work being done in other states and towns and upon the best that is being written upon educational mat-

This brief outline of course conveys no adequate idea of Mr. Heath's deeply interesting and able address. At its close the meeting was adjourned. All who desire to join the Association should communicate with Mrs. A. E. Brown, Wellesley Hills.

PRESS COMMITTEE.

THE COUNCIL AT WELLESLEY

NO right-minded man can fail to deplore a misunderstanding between pastor and people. But if such a situation arises it is hard to imagine a better way to terminate it than by frankness, honesty and kindliness. The council at Wellesley was a thoroughly honest council from beginning to end. The statement made by the pastor was a restrained, clear review of the situation from his standpoint. The statement of the church through its representative was as tactful, searching and, withal, kindly a presentation from that point of view as could be imagined. Both men won and held the profound and hearty sympathy of their hearers from

beginning to end.

The pastor had asked from the church for explicit statements of the cause of its dissatisfaction, and felt aggrieved because the church failed to grant his request. The church, through its committee, had unanimously held the position that to grant that request would endanger its own peace and unity—"would split the church." No charges of unorthodoxy were made by the church against its pastor; indeed, no charges of any kind, but the warmest and most cordial commendation. But, since the unrest was avowedly started by dissatisfaction with Mr. Chandler's theology on the part of a few, and since the press had sedulously advertised that this was a "heresy case," the conneil affirmed its confidence in his theological rectitude, and in response to what it understood to be the church's question, it answered that in its opinion the church should have granted the pastor's request for specific explanation of existing discontent. This was the whole substance of the council. There is nothing to be ashamed of on the part of the church, pastor, or council in the meeting. was a fine display of the real advisory function of a council, which should advise according to its convictions. The most important part of the council's decision concerning Mr. Chandler's standing is as follows:

"We recognize Mr. Chandler as a minister in substantial accord in spirit and belief with Evangelieal churches. We desire to commend him heartily as a minister worthy of all confidence. In these days of theological unrest and transition we desire to emphasize the fact that we believe that the life of the church should be broad and comprehensive enough to include all men who accept the supreme leadership of Jesus Christ."

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WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

LECTURES OF ESPECIAL INTEREST. A new course of lectures on Business Methods has been introduced by Professor Coman of the Economics Department. President Hazard opened this series of lectures on Saturday afternoon, October 20, her subject being "Accounts;" and Mr. Alpheus H. Hardy, treasurer of the College, gave the second lecture October 27, on "Making and Receiving Payments." Other allied lectures will follow at regular intervals. Mr. George P. Baker, of Harvard University, who has made a special study of the Elizabethan drama, took this subject for a lecture last Monday evening, and will speak again upon the same topic on the evening of November 12, both lectures being illustrated with stereopticon views.

PRESIDENT HAZARD'S ADDRESSES. President Hazard has made three addresses on public occasions during the past month: addresses which have deservedly won warm praise from her hearers and from the press. The first of these addresses was at Smith College, at the celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary; the second on the occasion of the Whitin Observatory presentation; and the third on Oct. 24, at the installation of Miss Annie Crosby Emery as dean of Pembroke Hall, Brown University.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION. One of the daily papers said editorially, a few weeks ago, that apparently the greatest interest in the political situation this year was being taken by the women's colleges. Wellesley certainly stands strongly forward in this respect. A Democratic rally is to be held on Nov. 3, and a Republican rally Nov. 5. On the day of the national election the College vote will be taken by the Australian ballot system, the polls being open from 8.00 A. M. to 5.00 P. M. Registration for the voting privilege began on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and will extend to Nov. 5.

OUT-DOOR INTERESTS. So uniformly fair has been the weather this autumn that out-door interests have come in for a goodly share of attention. Golf has perhaps been most popular of all the recreations, as the new course offers excellent opportunities for the playing of a considerable number of people. There is a large membership from the College in the new club, about twenty members of the faculty having joined and forty or tifty students. President Hazard has been made an honorary member of the Club, as has also Mr. Alphens H. Hardy, to whom the club is much indebted regarding the new links. Basket ball, lacrosse and rowing, as usual, have long lists of devotees. These sports, with golf, bowling, bicycling and other events, will all have a representation in the Athletic Field Day arranged for Nov. 19.

COLLEGE CLASS OFFICERS. Class elections, with the exception of the freshmen, have all been held in October, resulting for the principal officers as follows: Seniors, president, Miss Margaret C. Mills; vice-president, Miss Auguste M. Helmholtz; juniors, president, Miss Constance B. Draper; vice-president, Miss Helen L. Grover; sophomores, president, Miss Annie V. Luff; vicepresident, Miss Eugenia Foster.

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WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

Wellesley Congregational Church

EXCHANGE. On Sunday morning, Nov. 11, the Pastor will exchange pulpits with Rev. Ralph J. Haughton, of Needham.

C. E. S. The church will make its annual contribution to the Congregational Education Society on Nov. 25.

CHURCH REPAIRS. It is becoming increasingly necessary that certain most important repairs in the church building should be attended to. To ensure thoroughness and to paint the church and put it in order will require over \$1,000. Over \$200 is now on hand toward this extra expense. A sale will be held on Dec. 3 to add to this amount. Direct contributions to the Treasurer are most desirable from every one who wants to see the church cared for as it should be.

PASTOR'S CLASSES. Sixteen boys and girls, averaging about 13 years of age, are enrolled in the class held every Friday at the parsonage. A course on "Doctrines and Duties" is being carefully studied. On Satarday, at two o'clock, the younger boys and girls meet the Pastor in the class-rooms and are following a course of study on "Books and Teachings of the Bible." Twenty-one are now enrolled.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS. Annual meeting will be held in Boston at the Old South Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 7 and 8.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 3.00 p. m., at the parsonage. Auxiliary to the Woman's Board. This is the regular annual Thank-offering Meeting. There will be an address by Mrs. W. E. Locke, who has been a missionary to Bulgaria.

THE NEW CHURCH FUND is steadily moving upward toward the desired amount. Evidently the people have a mind to build, and are laboring and giving to that end. We would remind any who are delaying their own subscription that this is a case where he who pledges quickly increases the value of his pledge. The Harvest Festival on Wednesday, Oct. 24, was very successful and will add a good sum to the fund.

THE PASSION PLAY as it was given at Ober-Ammergau, during the past summer, is the theme of a lecture to be given in our church on Monday evening, Nov. 12. The lecturer is Rev. Dr. Wm. T. McElveen, of the Shawmut Church, Boston, who was present at this great religious festival, and will describe it for us with the aid of a magnificent collection of stereopticon views. It should be understood that we are able to obtain this lecture because of Dr. McElveen's interest in our New Church Fund and all the proceeds will go to that fund. Tickets will cost fifty cents. Lecture to begin at eight o'clock promptly.

St. Andrew's Church

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY meets on Saturday evenings at the rectory. Miss Hayes is the new Branch secretary. The annual conference was held in Boston on Thursday evening, Oct. 25.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY. The Massachusetts branch will hold its anniversary in Trinity Church, Boston, Wednesday, Nov. 7.—It is hoped that a large delegation from St. Andrew's Branch will be present.

THE REV. F. B. ALLEN, Superintendent of the Episcopal City Mission, Boston, will preach at St. Andrew's Chapel, Sunday morning, Nov. 11, in the absence of the Rector, who goes to Needham.

THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY of the opening of St. Andrew's Chapel will take place on St. Andrew's Day, Friday evening, Nov. 30, at 7.30. The Rev. Dr. Lindsay, of St. Paul's Church, Boston, will preach the sermon. The choir of St. Paul's Church, Natick, will probably furnish the music. The offering will be for the building fund of Trinity Mission, Needham, which is under the charge of the Rector. A full attendance is desired.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

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THE CHURCH sent delegates to the meeting of the Middlesex Conference, held at Lexington, Oct. 17.

THANKSGIVING EVE. The Union Thanksgiving service will be given on the evening of Nov. 28. The Pastor will preach the sermon.

STEREOPTICON LECTURE. The Woman's Alliance have arranged for a stereopticon Lecture to be given by Rev. Henry Spaulding. Subject: "The Marble Faun."

CHORUS. Mr. Travis desires to meet all who are willing to help the singing at the Union Service, on Saturday evening, Nov. 3, at 7.30 o'clock, in our chapel. The attendance should be large.

DURING THE WEEK ending Oct. 27, the Pastor attended the meetings of the Minister's Institute at Worcester, and the meetings of the National Unitarian Sunday School Society at Leominster.

WOMAN'S ALLIANCE. The ladies have issued a very tasteful program of their season's work. During the month they have heard helpful papers by the Rev. Chas. Ames, of Boston, and Rev. W. H. Lyons, of Brookline.

UNION SERVICES. The first of the series of Union Song Services, arranged by this church and the Wellesley Hills Congregational Society, was held on Sunday evening, Oct. 7, in the Congregational Church. Mr. Farwell gave a very brief talk on the subject of "Jesus as a Friend." The second of the series will be given on Nov. 4, in the church, at 4.30 p. M.

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EDITORIAL

THREE years ago, at the close of the union Thanksgiving Day service, held in Wellesley Hills, the four Protestant pastors of the town decided to publish a monthly paper to represent the higher life of the community, both intellectual and spiritual. In January, 1898, the first number of Our Town was issued. After three years, the pastors have decided to relinquish their editorial control and hope that the paper may be carried on to future success by other hands.

The paper has had a high ideal before it and in some measure has realized that ideal. It has shown the value of mutual interest in each other's welfare between churches of different denominations. It has furnished an unprejudiced platform of social improvement. It has brought town and gown into more intimate relations. It has given the more important clubs of the town a medium of communication. It has circulated information with regard to projects for developing the resources of the community. And it has made use of the abundant literary talent in Wellesley for mutual edification. Among its contributors have been Col. Albert Clarke, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer; Revs. J. B. Seabury, C. W. Rouse, H. B. Grose, E. N. Pomeroy, Charles Fleischer, H. U. Monro, and A. B. Vorse; Profs. Vida Scudder, Katharine Lee Bates, Charlotte F. Roberts, Sarah F. Whiting, Katharine Coman, and Marshall L. Perrin; Messrs. G. Bradford, Jr., Seldon L. Brown, R. Cunningham, C. A. Sibley, J. D. Hardy, E. H. Walcott, H. L. Rollins, F. W. Parker, A. E. Wight, F. L. Fuller, J. E. Fiske, Isaac Sprague, J. J. E. Rothery, Warren A. Rodman, Joseph W. Peabody, and F. J. Lake; Drs. E. E. Bancroft and W. T. Talbot; Mrs. Amory, Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Farwell, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Rothery, Mrs. Gillette, Mrs. Harriet Ford Cutler; Misses M. Virginia Smith, Gertrude Pomeroy, Edith A. Sawyer, Mabel Walcott, Ellen Fiske, Frances Hughes, Grace Cook, Hannah Hume, Margaret French, Mary C. Bachelder.

The financial support of the paper has not been as large as the editors hoped for. But with the assistance of Mr. H. H. Hunnewell the paper has paid its bills. The advertisers and the publisher both deserve the thanks of editors and subscribers for their assistance in the enterprise. The cost for the three years has been nearly \$800, most of which has come from those who advertised.

The editors lay down their self-imposed task with the consciousness of having made an honorable effort to further the town's truest interests, and with the belief that the fruit of their work will be found in a deeper loyalty to the development of the great possibilities of Wellesley.

THE CLAIMS OF RELIGION

I. Upon the Enthusiasm

66 A M I alive today or am I dead? Is it only that I have the name of living, a sort of directory existence, a page in the college records, a place in the list of my class, while in fact there is dry rot in my sonl? Or, is there any movement of the life of God in me, of quickening and refreshing life, of generous activity and transmissive vitality?" These are questions, says a wellknown college professor, which a man may well ask of himself any morning. There is a general impression among teachers, and others who have to deal with youth, that we have arrived at a period which is peculiarly and alarmingly lacking in enthusiasm, in quick and glad response to the summons of high ideals. "Your call to action is met with indifference, you cannot light within them the divine fire. They look at you with stolid faces and glassy eyes. The age Ecclesiastes has come already and all is vanity." That such a condition of things is alarming is realized by every student of human nature. It is a sure sign of moral, and probably of physical, deficiency. It is the symptom of an abnormal condition which demands seriousness and the search for a remedy.

Enthusiasm is natural to the healthful There is within every normal human soul the capacity to light up in response to high and noble appeals, or in the presence of the great Masters of life. Hero-worship is an inborn, healthful characteristic. The desire to achieve great and good deeds springs up instinctively in every undebased life. The spirit of chivalry is only a symptom of clean, pure and strong manliness. "The glory of young men is in their strength," says the proverb; and it has been wisely noted that the word translated "strength" has in it the picture of one who is exerting every power in some splendid contest. Its root meaning is "to pant for breath," as one does who is straining every endeavor to win the athlete's prize. The glory of young life is in its earnest effort after some noble end. The glory of any life is in its unselfish ardor, in the vigor of its noble affections, the fire of its exalted enthusiasm. This is life—this glow of hope, this joy in good things, this sparkle of expectation, this certainty that there are noble ends yet to be attained, this alertness to the victorious march of events, this responsiveness to duty, this gladness in work, doing with the might what the hand finds to do, this love for the vision of the highest, this enthusiasm—this is life. is made for such an existence. These are the marks of him, and of nothing else on this ear.h: He walks erect; his face is set forward and upward; his heart can rejoice, and he can make his fellows glad with his own contagious joy. He can love and be loved, and rejoice in the giving and the receiving. This is normal man. Brutalize him, and it is in these respects that he will suffer and be seen to be deficient.

Now it is to this natural, God-given capacity that religion supremely appeals. "To light up the spirit that is in a boy," says Mr. Gladstone, "that is the great necessity." And the value of religion is in this: its unequalled capacity to light up the spirit that is within men. This indeed is the test of any theory of education, or social life or religion—its ability to light up the inner life, to awaken the dormant and divine capacities of man's being. And, above all,

religion, rightly presented, should do this. The modern student of psychology, the student of child life especially, is giving eloquent testimony to this effect. Pres. G. Stanley Hall says: "Christianity provides just the influences that are needed for the best development of the brain and of the soul. There is nothing which so meets the need of youth as the life and the teaching of Jesus, with the enthusiasm which they arouse."

As, therefore, the Christian religion is thus fitted to arouse and inspire our enthusiasm, it has a moral claim upon us which cannot be rightly ignored. It places before men the highest conceivable ideals, the largest hopes, the richest promises, to arouse their enthusiasm. If any life is worth striving after, it is the kind of life to which we are summoned. If any leader should inspire devotion it is the one whom we follow. If any exhibition of love should call forth enthusiastic gratitude it is the love revealed in Nazareth and Bethany, in Jerusalem and on Calvary. If any work is worth the doing it is the work entrusted to us. There is nothing which should so arouse enthusiasm as the religion of Jesus Christ. And there is nothing so incongruous as an indifferent, uninterested Christian. Indeed, the summons is to every man, whether he calls himself Christian or not, for the ideal is set before us all, the appeal is to us all, the life is within the reach of every one. To lack enthusiasm for any noble cause is to invite condemnation; and because the appeal of the Christian faith is the highest and the most human conceivable, our failure to respond is most deplorable and most inexcusable.

PARRIS T. FARWELL.

II. Upon the Intellect

NE of the most marked characteristics of the thought in the closing years of the nineteenth century is its increasing orderliness under the unity of law. Men do not think so much at random. Though taking different points of view and approaching truth by different methods they expect now to come into harmony rather than into conflict with each other. For they have learned that truth is one and that different elements in this unity cannot be in conflict. Religion and science do not antagonize each other as they were once accustomed to do. Religious thought has admitted scientific processes and scientific inquiry has ceased to claim the field of faith.

The time has come, therefore, when the claim of religion upon the intellect can be pressed with assurance of a wide recognition. Faith no longer consists in "believing what you know isn't true," to quote a child's unexpected definition. On the contrary it is the supplement to reason, found essential to all true thinking by the serious mind. No earnest philosopher can be content with the limitations of his range of material investigation. He is constantly being led from the seen to the unseen. Not even things are what they seem, much less personalities.

The demand that faith shall be based in reason, and not cling to that which is directly contrary to reason, is certainly fair. religion is being purified of many corruptions under this demand. There will continue to be more or less difficulty in deciding what is contrary to reason, since contradictions are sometimes only apparent and disappear under the clear light of a more penetrating wisdom. But it is quite possible to recognize with the light now possessed many of the superfluous and misleading notions which have been incorporated by faith. These having been eliminated the way is open with the new century for a more intellectual religion which shall take a far stronger hold of the life of humanity.

The religious life is simply a human life fulfilling all its relations, the highest as well as the lowest. A man is not quite a man when he fulfils only his relations to the animal world and fails to find himself in the higher relations of this personality. To eat, drink and be merry is animal; to possess self-control, rejoice in justice, love mercy, and delight in gentleness is man; to give one's life for the sake of others is God. Is not this a rational development of personal Surely the intellect can have no greater subjects upon which to exercise itself than the facts of the change from the animal to the divine under the influence of religion which are furnished in the personal histories of millions of human beings.

So long as religion was supposed to be a routine ceremonial, or an adherence to a traditional scheme of belief based on an inadequate knowledge of the universe and the forces working within it, or an emotional outburst, or mere hero worship, it was not strange that it lost the cordial support of many intellectual leaders. But religion will be recognized in the coming century to be something more than these things. They are merely forms, more or less evanescent.

in which religion expresses itself. Behind all these forms is the human spirit ever yearning to be freer and to rise to greater heights of power. Man is destined for greater things. His earthly possibilities as a spiritual being are but in their childhood stages. He is a child of royal inheritance. He has yet to enter into his birthright. Sometime he will find his Father and his brother. Then his very life will be in perfect harmony with the perfect plan in the universe. Such possibilities and such a result claim the deepest attention of the profoundest intellects.

EDWARD HERRICK CHANDLER.

III. Upon the Time

WRITING to one of his churches the great apostle to the Gentiles says: "I seek not yours but you." A most significant summing up of the vital demand which religion makes upon every individual soul. Men have tried to evade this strenuous demand. In the earlier days when religion and morality were more loosely associated than now, and when there was no essential and necessary relationship between the two, men frequently paid their debts to the former without making any sacrifices to the demands of the latter. All the ancient religions provided means for satisfying the gods that should not affect the conduct and character of the individual worshipper. The splendid altars were gorged with costly offerings, the heavens stuffed with fervent prayers, by men and women who saw no inconsistency between fervid piety and and a morally disreputable life. This feeling has pervaded Christianity. Louis XIII. of France and Philip H. of Spain were not hypocrites in our accepted meaning of the term. They were sincere, devoted, bigoted believers in their creed. And while they deceived, defrauded and murdered their fellowmen, they would have been honestly shocked and amazed if any man had questioned their claim to the title of Christian. So the Italian bandit who devoutly attends mass and commends himself to the care of the Virgin before plundering the unwary traveller, is not making a hypocritical pretence of a religion which he uses as a cloak for his rascality. All of his religions associates show the nature of his profession; none of them question the sincerity of his piety. In truth, if we exclude from consideration some of the utterances of the great Hebrew prophets, we may almost say that the conviction that true religion

must have an ethical basis is the creation of modern protestantism. But such a conviction is now a part of our fundamental beliefs. Society really makes no allowance for the eurious paradoxes of self-deception. Every man is regarded as a simple hypocrite whose moral life is out of harmony with his religious profession. Therefore, we may say that every man agrees with Paul in his feeling that religion demands ourselves rather than our possessions or our activities. Religion demands self-consecration, and will be satisfied with nothing less. How then do we respond to this demand? A little trace of surviving heathenism remains with us We try to satisfy the religious sense by sacrificing upon its altar our money, even the energies, activities and interests of our wives and children. But the Christian faith demands a personal priesthood. It asks for personal service, and will be satisfied with no vicarious sacrifices. Sam Jones used to say, in his quaint fashion, "A good many men in this town are expecting to go to heaven on the strength of their wives' pew rents." Generally speaking, we have no such expectation. But we do act as if the interest our families manifest in religious institutions may make up measurably for our own shortcomings. Men and brethren, God wants you, not yours. If He has you then he must have yours in the noblest sense. And especially will be have a part of that great commonwealth which all men share in common—the commonwealth of There is nothing so precious. As Franklin says, "it is the stuff out of which life is woven." Must it all be consumed in business and pleasure? Must a small, devoted minority do the work of making the world a better place to live in? Are you willing to enjoy the fruits of their consecrated labor, and do nothing to add to the common store? The religious institutions of this town make more secure the moral welfare of every household, and add to the value of every dollar of material wealth. And yet a large percentage of its men withhold from such institutions, not their money, but what no money can purchase—the precious wealth of personal service.

JOHN SNYDER.

IV. Upon the Pocket-book

I F religion is only an individual affair, then it has no claims on the pocket-book. But if religion includes love to man as well as

love to God, then it has imperative claims on the pocket-book. A man cannot love his neighbor as himself, in any complete sense, who is unwilling to make sacrifices for him. Self-sacrifice, however, does not mean suicide. A man may die for another, in a crisis, but in ordinary circumstances it is his duty to live for him. How to supply all one's own needs, in the three departments of his being, how to enrich himself for the enrichment of others, that is the problem of life. Each man must solve it conscientiously for himself.

The first claim of religion on the pocketbook, therefore, is to spend upon one's self only what will equip one for the largest social efficiency. The second claim is to consecrate the surplus that remains, after personal needs have been satisfied, to the wellbeing of others. There can be no question about the reasonableness of this claim. The question comes as to the method of carrying it into effect. There is always a right method and a wrong method. The principle itself is not to be confounded with the method.

Let us illustrate the principle:

1. In the work of charity. If a man love his fellowman, he will desire to provide him with the necessaries of life, when through no fault of his own he is so situated that he cannot provide them for himself.

2. In the field of missions. If a man love his fellowman, he will want him to know that he is the son of a Father in heaven who loves him, and if he cannot carry this message to him himself, he will provide for the sending of some one in his place.

3. In the home church. If a man loves his fellowman, he will want him to have the spiritual uplift that comes from worship,

and the fellowship of earnest souls.

3. If a man loves his fellowman, he will want him to share all the advantages which make for the cultivation of the finer graces of mind and character. That means public libraries, art museums, good music at reasonable prices, and other agencies which elevate a man, in the place of those influences which demoralize him.

Now it is not to be expected that men will expend their surplus equally in all these directions. Some they will naturally subordinate to others according to their conception of what is most needed at a particular time and under particular circumstances. It will still be true, however, that the claims

of religion upon the pocket-book can only be fully met when a man consecrates himself and all that he has to the service of God through the service of man. His unwillingness to make this consecration proves that he has not taken his religion seriously. is only playing at being religious. He would be far more consistent if he frankly acknowledged that he did not believe in religion, and therefore felt none of its claims. And yet, is it not significant that some of the very men whom the professed believer in religion denounces for this frankness are giving generously of their substance for the benefit of others. Instead of criticising them. therefore, their generosity in meeting some, if not all, of the claims of religion upon the pocket-book ought to be recognized and emulated.

WILLIAM E. HAYES.

UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

TWO missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma—the Rev. and Mrs Walter C. Roe—sent to the Indian Industries League specimens of Indian beadwork, so beautifully wrought that the League has seenred for these missionaries an order for about \$700 worth of Indian moccasins, chatelaine bags, seissors cases and other articles. All these things will be found at the Henry II. Tuttle Co.'s shoe store, at the corner of Washington and Winter streets, Boston. In speaking of this work of the Indian camp women, it will give greater interest to say that to the workers it means, not luxuries but actual food. But no such inducement need be held out to buyers, for the work in itself is very beautiful, entirely beyond that sold at traders' stores. The beads are sewed on, not with thread, which readily breaks, but with sinew. There are mocassins for men, for women, for children, and the daintiest tiny mocassins for babies, all shaped in accordance with nature's foot. There are also, as has been said, bags and other things. All this Indian work will well repay a visit, for Christmas gifts as useful, tasteful and unique as these would make are not easily found. The Indian Industries League asks earnestly that you will go to see them, and it hopes that you will buy.

FRANCES C. SPARHAWK, Secretary of Indian Industrial League.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE NOTES

COLLEGE HOLIDAYS. The Thanksgiving recess extended from noon Wednesday, Nov. 28, to the following Friday noon. Christmas holidays will begin Wednesday, Dec. 19, and the winter term will open on Jan. 10. Thursday, Jan. 31, will be the Day of Prayer for Colleges.

RECENT LECTURES. Mr. George A. O. Ernst, of Boston, gave the lecture in the business methods course last Saturday afternoon, his subject being "Women and the Law." Another College appointment which attracted many heaters was the "Conversation" by Prof. Macdougall at the College music hall, Saturday afternoon, on the sixth symphony of Tschaikowsky. Portions of the symphony were played on the piano and organ by Mr. Macdougall and Miss Hurd, producing much variety of tone color. It is hoped that Mr. Macdougall will give a series of similar conversations. Prof. George H. Palmer, of Harvard University, spoke recently before the Philosophy Club on the life and work of the late Henry Sidgwick.

MUSICAL MATTERS. The musical season was opened Nov. 10 with a brilliant and scholarly interpretation of Wagner by Carl Ambruster, assisted by Miss Pauline Cramer. The subject of the lecture was "The Wagner Festival Performances at Bayreuth." On Sunday evening, Nov. 26, a special musical service was held in connection with chapel vespers, Mr. Wulf Fries, 'cellist, assisting. A commemorative service for Sir Arthur Sullivan as a composer of church music has been planned to take place Sunday afternoon, December 2, in the Houghton Memorial chapel, when selections from Sullivan's oratorios and song writings will be given.

Two delightful concerts have been arranged for approaching dates. The first of these, on Dec. 3, will be by the Hoffman string quartette (composed of symphony members), who will play the string quartette by Haydn and Mozart. Miss Gertrude Edmands, contralto at Arlington Street church, Boston, will sing; also songs by Haydn, Mozart and Gluck. The second concert, Dec. 17, will be a historical song recital, by Miss Edith Torrey, soprano, and Mr. J. Melville Horner, baritone, assisted by Mr. Wulf Fries, 'cellist.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE RECORD. new publication, now being distributed to fill orders, gives in epitome the College personnel, of trustees, officers, instructors and graduates, together with all other students, for the twenty-five years of the College history—from 1875 to 1900,—and contains also a large amount of information, together with valuable reference materials. The work of compiling the Record has been done by Miss Mary Caswell, Secretary to the President, Miss Ellen F. Pendleton, secretary of the College, and Miss Minnie A. Morss. It is felt that two important ends will be served by this Record: that of putting into touch with one another college members in widely different parts of the world, and that of affording information by which the officers of local organizations will be able to make for themselves lists of former students who are in their own region.

WELLESLEY CHURCH NEWS

Wellesley Congregational Church

THE CLOSING SUNDAY. On Sunday, Dec. 30, the Pastor will preach in the morning on "The Contribution of the Nineteenth Century to Religious Faith," and in the evening on "The Call of the New Century."

A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY will be given on Sunday, Dec. 30, to any who desire to unite with the church, either by letter or on confession of faith. As this is the last Sunday of the present Pastor's stay in Wellesley, it would be most gratifying to him to have all who wish to unite with the church in the near future take this opportunity. The Church Committee will meet all candidates on Friday evening, Dec. 23.

MUSICAL LECTURE. Mrs. Helen L. Thayer-Bryant has kindly offered to give her "Music talk" on the subject: "The History and Development of Church Music" in the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12. The talk will be illustrated by choruses and solos sung by Misses Diamond Donner, Hetty Wheeler, Katharine Benner, Myra Marshall, and Evelyn Robbins, and Messrs. 1. B. Hazelton, Robert Anderson, Charles H. Palmer and Edward H. Chandler.

THE LATER PROPHETS. The Pastor will give three more Sunday evening talks on the later prophets, as follows: Dec. 2, The Second Isaiah; Dec. 0, Haggai and Zechariah; Dec. 16, The Closing period.

CANTATA. The choir, with the assistance of a quartet of solo singers, produced on Sunday evening, Nov. 18, the Cantata of Abraham, arranged and composed by Mr. F. L. Stone, our organist. Much pleasure was taken in the music by the large audience present.

REMOVALS. Miss Agnes E. Fairlee, now teaching in Jackson, Miss., has been granted a letter of dismissal. Mr. Winsor and Miss Lucy Winsor are spending the winter in Sandwich, Mass. Mrs. H. W. Burrill and Miss Katharine Burrill are with Rev. George H. Burrill in Claverack, and Miss Mary Brown is in Newburyport. Mr. Joseph Clements is in California. Mrs. Katharine Hagar is in the training school for nurses at the Waltham Hospital.

Wellesley Hills Congregational Church

THE MONTHLY PRAISE SERVICE in which the churches unite will be held on Dec. 2nd, in the Congregational Church at 4.30 P. M. Special music, contralto solo and male quartette. Brief address by the Pastor.

THE ANNUAL MEETING and supper will be held on the evening of Jan. 1, 1901.

ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY a special musical service will be held at 4.30 P. M., under the auspices of the Sunday school, at which time the usual Christmas offering of books, toys, clothing or money will be received for the Children's Hospital at Baldwinville.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS. Dec. 4, at 3.00 P. M. Address by Miss Sparhawk, Secretary of Indian Industrial League, at Mrs. J. W. Oldham's. Dec. 11, at 10.00 A. M., All-day sewing circle, at Mrs. J. W. Oldham's. Dec. 13, at 6.30 P. M., at church vestry, under joint auspices of Ladies' Society and Y. P. S. C. E., chicken pie supper and entertainment, cradle songs of the nations. Entertainment, 15 cents. Supper and entertainment, 40 cents.

St. Andrew's Church

EXCHANGE. The Rector will exchange Dec. 9 with the Rev. R. T. Loring, of Newtonville.

ADVENT SERVICES. Special Friday evening services will be held during Advent at 7.15. There will be brief addresses on phases of missionary work.

ST. MARY'S GUILD. The students of the college who attend St. Andrew's, have formed an informal organization which meets at the rectory on Thursday evenings from seven to eight.

THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of the Sunday school will be held on Christmas eve, Monday evening, December 24. The Sunday school of Trinity Mission will also be present. There will be a procession with cross and banners, the singing of carols, the usual Christmas trees with gifts, and Christmas games in the guild room.

Wellesley Hills Unitarian Society

EXCHANGE. Rev. E. F. Hayward, of Marlboro, exchanged with the Pastor Nov. 25. The same evening Mr. Snyder preached for Rev. Mr. Thacher, of Needham.

THE PASTOR spoke to the Woman's Alliance on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Subject: "The New Woman; What Does She Want?

BUTTERFLY BAZAAR. The Entertainment Committee of the Woman's Alliance of the Unitarian church will hold, on Thursday, Dec. 6, a novel entertainment called a Butterfly Bazaar. They will expect their friends from two o'clock till ten in the church parlor. At 4.30 o'clock the children will especially be expected.

pecially be expected.

Mrs. S. Bartlett will have charge of a large table containing useful and fancy articles. Miss Alice Smith will have charge of the candy table. Mrs. Wentworth serves shrub. Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Dudley oversee the cake table. Mrs. Hunneman will have a well of treasures for the young folks: while the ice cream, coffee, etc., will be dispensed by Mesdames Lawrence and Livermore. The ladies welcome all their friends.

THE PASTOR preached his first anniversary sermon on Nov. 11.

THE CHILDREN of the Sunday School held a Thanksgiving social. There was singing and speaking of appropriate selections and the illustration of "Miles Standish' Courtship" by by means of effective tableaux. The best part of the entertainment was the display of good things which the little ones and their parents and friends, sent for the benefit of those less favored than themselves.

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